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Tis' said, of Labor, he's ungrateful
Let us see — if this be so?
Is the man a graceless scoundrel —
Whom from all our blessings flow?

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Should he break out with thanksgiving —
Really now, twixt you and me —
When his life aint worth the living —
Should the man exhibit glee?

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Should the man "cutup" high didoes,
In exuberance of bliss
— With his wife and children starving?
Will you kindly tell me this?

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Should the slave, bereft of reason,
Rhapsodize in fervent song for-sworn —
Of a soul for—sworn and bartered —
Of a daughter's whispered wrong?

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Yes, tis said, that he's ungrateful —
Let us see — let us explore —
Is the man ungrateful, really —
What should Labor thank you for?

T-bone Slim.