Hallelujah -- I'm a Bum

traditional American hobo song - origin uncertain

Voice

1. Re - joice and be glad, For the spring - time has
   come.
2. The spring - time has come, And I'm just out of
   jail, We can
3. I went to a house, And I rapped on the
   door. With
4. I like Jim Hill, He's a good friend of
   mine, And the
5. I went to a house, And I asked for some
   bread, That is
6. Oh, why don't you work, Like other men
   do? Now
7. So why don't you save All the money you
   earn? If
8. Well, I don't like work, And work don't like
   me. And

Bb  F  C7

throw down our shov - els and go on the bum.
out any money, with out any bail.
la - dy says, "Bum, bum, you've been here before!"
why I am hik - ing down Jim Hill's main line.
la - dy says, "Bum, bum, the ba - ker is dead."
how can I work, when there's no work to do?
I did - n't eat I'd have money to burn.
that is the rea - son I am so hun - gry.

Bb  F  C7

CHORUS: Hal - le - lu - jah, I'm a bum! Hal - le - lu - jah, bum a - gain. Hal - le -
lujah, give us a hand-out to revive us again.