

# Funding the Future

## Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsJGagKWrd>

"Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" lyrics by Yip Harburg, music by Jay Gorney (1931)

They used to tell me I was building a dream, and so I followed the mob,  
When there was earth to plow, or guns to bear, I was always there right on the job,  
They used to tell me I was building a dream, with peace and glory ahead,  
Why should I be standing in line, just waiting for bread?

Once I built a railroad, I made it run, made it race against time,  
Once I built a tower, now it's done, Brother, can you spare a dime?  
Once I built a tower; How it's done, Brother, can you spare a dime?

Once in khaki suits, gee we looked swell,  
Full of that Yankee Doodle Doo,  
And I was the kid with the drum,  
Full of that Yankee Doodle Doo,

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Why don't you remember, I'm your pal? Buddy, can you spare a dime?

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If you watched Simon Schama tonight you'll know why.

If not - so worth watching.