GRAVEDIGGER'S BOY

When the lamps are trimmed low And the fiddle plays sweet He stands in the corner Looks down at his feet As the partners take hands And glide 'cross the floor He's got no one to dance with He don't ask anymore

> He's the gravedigger's boy, the gravedigger's boy Won't somebody dance with the gravediggers boy?

He's got dirt on his shoes,
Got dust in his lungs
And his face, it is brown
From the cruel midday sun
Though he smiles only seldom,
He's not as bleak as he seems
He's got love for that fiddle,
He's got Lazarus dreams

(chorus)

He could stand there forever, so silent and still 'Cus he knows that in time, every hole shall be filled

Sure as sickness steals in, Long as cannon will roar The gravedigger's boy Won't be done with his chores Still he strolls out some evenings, Past wrought iron gates To the Saturday social, Where he listens and waits

(chorus)