

# Swingin' on a Scab

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your fight, broth-er, in rhyme. Are you gon-na stick on the line. Till we

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force the boss-es to sign? Or would you rath-er be a scab? A

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scab is an an-i-mal that walkson his knees; He sniffs eve-ry time the boss-es sneeze. His

back is brawn-y but his brain is weak;— He's just plain stu-pid with a yel-low streak. But if you

don't care whose back it is you stab, Go right a-head and be a scab. Or are you

gon - na stick on the line\_\_\_\_\_ Till we force the boss - es to sign?\_\_\_\_\_ This is

your fight, broth - er, and mine, Or would you rath - er be a fink?\_\_\_\_\_ A

fink is an an-i-mal that smells like a skunk; He's two brackets lower than a punk. He's

making his living on breaking strikes. 'Cause busting unions is a job he likes. But it gets

o - ver you kinda like a stink. Go right ahead and be a fink. Or are you

gon - na stick on the line Till we force the boss - es to sign? This is

your fight, broth - er, and mine, Or would you rath - er be a stool? \_\_\_\_\_ A

stool is an an - i - mal with long, hair - y ears; He runs back with eve - ry - thing he hears. \_\_\_\_

He's no bar - gain, but he can be bought, \_\_\_\_ And though he's slip - per - y, he still gets caught. But if your

brain's like the rear end of a mule, Go right a - head and be a stool. Or are you

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gon - na stick on the line Till we force the boss - es to sign? This is

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your fight, broth - er, and mine, Or would you rath - er be a goon? A

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goon is an an - i - mal that's ter - rib - ly shy; He can't stand to look you in the eye. He

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rides to work on the cops' coat tails And wears brass knuck - les to pro - tect his nails. But if your

head is like the hole in a spit - toon, Go right a-head and be a goon. You don't

have to lead with you chin; You can pick your side and pitch in 'Cause the

u - nion's go - ing to win. Un - til the day the boss-es sign,

We're gon - na stick right on the line.