

THE ERIE CANAL Thomas S. Allen 1905 (Tin Pan Alley era, NYC)

2 beats/chord unless noted. 1st sung note: E. Intro: 1,2,3,4, 1,2,3,4 Em// D// Em/~/~

Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
I've got a mule and her name is Sal; 15 years on the Erie Canal.
Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
She's a good ol' worker & a good ol' pal, 15 years on the Erie Canal.
G//// G D Em//// Em D
We've hauled some barges in our day, filled with lumber, coal, & hay;
Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
And we know every inch of the way, from Albany to Buffa-lo.

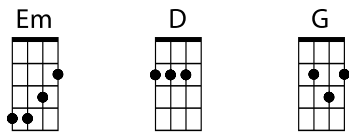
CHORUS: G//// G D
Low bridge, everybody down
G//// G/ D/ G
Low bridge, we're comin' to a town; and
G D G D
You'll always know your neighbor, you'll always know your pal,
Em//// D Em//// ////
If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal.

Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
Better look around for a job, old gal, 15 years on the Erie Canal.
Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
You bet your life I'd never part with Sal; 15 years on the Erie Canal.
G//// G D Em//// Em D
Get up there mule-we've cleared a lock; we'll make Rome 'bout 6 o'clock
Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
One more trip & back we'll go, right back home to Buffa-lo. **CHORUS**

Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
Where would I be if I lost my pal? 15 years on the Erie Canal.
Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
I'd like to see a mule as good as Sal. 15 years on the Erie Canal.
G//// G D Em//// Em D
A friend of mine once got her sore; now he's got a broken jaw—
Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
'Cause she let fly with her iron toe, & kicked him back to Buffa-lo. **CHORUS**

Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
 Don't have to call when I want my Sal; 15 years on the Erie Canal.
 Em D G Em Em//// D Em/~
 She trots from her stall like a good ol' gal; 15 years on the Erie Canal.
 G//// D Em//// Em D
 I eat my meals with Sal each day: I eat beef and she eats hay;
 Em D G Em Em/// D Em/~
 & she ain't so slow if ya want to know: she put the "buff" in Buffa-lo!

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 Low bridge, everybody down
 G//// G/ D/ G
 Low bridge, we're comin' to a town; and
 G D G D
 You'll always know your neighbor, you'll always know your pal,
 Em//// D Em
 If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal.
 Em//// D Em fade. . . .
 If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal.
 Em//// D Em/
 If you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal.



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