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DONKEY BLUES

(Voice of a Sierra Leonean cart pusher in the Gambia)

I rap forage razed  
By my donkeywork  
Mean, rap forage razed  
By my donkeywork  
In sand tethered to Sun in the Gambia  
Rapping forage razed  
By my donkeywork.

I dance my tail to  
Tunes of my torment  
Thrum of flies groove my yaws in the Gambia  
Dancing my tail to  
Tunes of my torment.  
I stomp my hinds bruised  
By my slave shackles  
Umph, hoof my hinds bruised  
By my slave shackles  
Lays of fleas pulse my wounds in the Gambia  
Stomping my hinds bruised  
By my slave shackles.

I blow my bugle  
Burst by my burdens  
Yeah, blow my bugle  
Burst by my burdens.

*23/8/93—Farafinni, Gambia*