

The Long-Line Skinner Blues

USA

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1. I've got a bel-ly full of whis-ky and a head full of gin, the doc-tor says 'twill kill me but he don't say when. I'm a
long line skin-ner and my home's out west, _____ look-in'
for the wo - man, Lord, that will love me the best.

2. I'm way down in the bottom skinning mules for Johnny Ryan, puttin' my initials on a mule's behind.
With my long whip line, babe, with my long whip line,
lookin' for the woman who can ease my worried mind.
3. When the weather it gets chilly, gonna pack up my line, 'cause I ain't skinnin' mules in the wintertime.
Yes, I'm a long-line skinner and my home's out west,
lookin' for the woman; Lord, that will love me the best.