

NEVER LET ME DOWN
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Poster Child for the Blues

Well I ain't pretty
Never could dance
My papa was the victim of circumstance
My teachers did not give me
a second chance
I'm a poster child for the blues.

Well my mama she tried but not so hard
She held me but never in high regard
I was left in the box like a joker card
I'm a poster child for the blues.

Well I went to the doctor I spoke
with the nurse
They told me I was suffering from a
stubborn curse
It was only expected to get that
much worse
I'm a poster child for the blues.

Well I'm the butt of the joke
Left holding the bag
You get the new suit, I get the rag
Well my lettuce is wilted and my
bread's too hard
Others take the butter
I get the lard.

I take a message from the IRS
Well my taxes they surely must be less
They answer with a penalty,
and more to assess
I'm a poster child for the blues.

Well I tried to pray
I spoke with the Lord
I noticed he was getting mighty bored
He did not even bother to give me
the word
I'm a poster child for the blues.

(You know where I'm going next)
I went to the crossroads, nothing to lose
The devil appeared,
but he looked confused
He turned on his heel and he
returned my dues
I'm a poster child for the-
poster child for the-
I'm a poster child for the blues.

Heart Full of Love

Well I woke up one morning
Sat up in bed
With an ache in my mind and a pain
in my head
Well I'm crying and I'm moanin and I'm
suffering in vain
I got a heart full of love
And a fistful of pain
I got a handful of tears, you left me to cry
When you walked out on me and you
said goodbye

Well I woke up one morning,
Looked down at the floor
Things seemed no different than the
night before
Well I'm crying and I'm moanin and I'm
suffering in vain
I got a heart full of love
And a fistful of pain
I got a handful of tears,
you left me to cry
When you walked out on me,
and you said good bye.

You've heard the symptoms
You've got the prescription
Honey you've given me a
lifetime subscription
To ease this pain, honey,
only you can make it right.
Oh honey come back and love me tonight.

Well I woke up one morning
Didn't know what to do
Things seemed no different from the
last one through.
Well I'm crying and I'm moanin and I'm
suffering in vain
I got a heart full of love
And a fistful of pain
I got a handful of tears,
you left me to cry
When you walked out on me,
and you said good bye.
When you walked away, and you said
good bye.

Never Let Me Down

You pick me up
With some questionable intentions
You hold me with a link of chain
in my head
You fill me up with some kind of
crazy ideas
You pour some medication to relieve
my pain
Oh you never let me go
You never let me fall, you never let me off
when my back's on the wall
You never let me down, easy.

Each time I try
To get up and fly
You push me off the window sill
You offer me your hand
But that look is in your eye
I'm a prisoner in your net and you
won't let me die
Oh you never let me go
You never let me fall, you never let me off
when my back's on the wall
You never let me down, easy.

You never let me down easy
I never feel that soft feather bed
One thing is true I can count on you
You never let me down.
You make my heart race
You make my hands shake
Oh baby you make my knees give out
Gut wrench
Mind doubt
You never let me down, easy.

You hold me up with a strong foundation
Sustain me with words of steel
You pour some concrete and raise my roof
Secure is how you make me feel.
Oh you never let me go
You never let me fall you never let me off
when my back's on the wall
You never let me down, easy.

You never let me down easy
I never feel that soft feather bed
One thing is true I can count on you
You never let me down.
You make my skin crawl
You make my jelly roll
Oh baby you make my engine grab
Teeth chatter

Back stab
You never let me down, easy.
You never let me down, easy.
You never let me down.

Runnin Blues

Well they's a runnin,
Runnin round the corner
They's a runnin,
Runnin down the street
They's a runnin, all over the neighborhood
They got their high heel shoes on
their feet.

The blues is all around me,
blues is on a roll
You can see them out every window
Out every door, and every hole
They's tearing me apart,
they's tearing me in two
cause those runnin blues,
is runnin through my heart.

They's a runnin,
Runnin round my kitchen
They's a runnin, round my livin room
They's a runnin, all round my closet
and I can't catch them with no dustpan
and broom

The blues is all around me,
blues is on a roll
You can see them out every window
Out every door, and every hole
They's tearing me apart,
they's tearing me in two
cause those runnin blues,
is runnin through my heart.

They's a runnin,
Runnin up and down my back
They's a runnin, all round my head
They's a runnin
All down my fingertips and hiding
under my bed.
The blues is all around me,
blues is on a roll
You can see them out every window
Out every door, and every hole
They's tearing me apart,
they's tearing me in two
cause those runnin blues, is runnin
through my heart.
... and they's a tearin me in two.

Living with an empty heart

It happened once again
It occurred the other night
Could not have been avoided
But it gave me such a fright
I had the strangest vision
A terrible creation
A most peculiar artifact
Of my imagination

Oh I dreamed of an empty heart
It was only an empty shell
It was cold, so lonely
Dried up and dark
Dreamin of an empty heart.

Dried up and dark like an old dry well.
Empty and hollow like a rusted bell
Well, I accepted my predicament
Bloodless, hopeless testament
Living with an empty heart.

It happened once before
But maybe I forgot
The feeling that the clock had stopped
And put me on the spot
It was a scary premonition
A most unpleasant vision
Like living without oxygen
Or water in the ocean

Oh I dreamed of an empty heart
It was only an empty shell
It was cold so alone
Nothing there to hold
Dreamin of an empty heart

Dried up and dark like an old dry well.
Empty and hollow like a rusted bell
With due respect to my lost innocence
I'm living with the consequence
Living with an empty heart.

So Long Blues

Hang me oh hang me
Cover up my eyes
Put me on the southbound train
Where the moon don't rise
Carry me to the other side,
my race is almost run
Let me out upon a pallet,
feet turned toward the sun
So long, so long
I'll be laying here so long.

Lyn here so cold and white,
I did not look my best
Wrapped up in a linen sheet
Hands across my chest.
Eyes are pressed so tightly closed,
lips are sealed just so
Lying here so patiently,
soon its time to go
So long, so long
I'll be laying here so long.

How long is this journey?
How long is this ride?
How long will I have to wait til I get to
the other side?
One thing that I know is true
I'll be laying here, just as long as you.
So long, so long
I'll be laying here so long.

If I were a gambler
A cheater and a thief
I'd be laying here for eternity,
expecting no relief
If I did not lie or steal,
but told the truth instead
I'd still end up cold and stiff one
morning in my bed.
So long, so long
I'll be laying here so long.

The Party

I went to your house tonight,
a vision I could find
Composed and told most carefully and
played out in my mind

It must have been your property I saw it
plain and clear
The fields and sky and landscape seemed
like you were there.

People filled that old garage, talking easily
Friends and kids and relatives,
mingled gracefully

One guy set of fireworks,
one guy stoked the flame
One guy played an old guitar,
I didn't catch his name.

I was there
I could feel it in the air
I do feel and touch and taste and know
that you were there somewhere.

There was Bob and Will and Jean and
Dave and one girl called Maria
They poured red wine and asked my
name, and said hey, nice to see ya

I looked around to find you,
I knew you must be there
But the darkness made it hard to see
though the moon was full and clear

I stared up at the moon so bright I
listened for the sound
Of spirits lit upon my heart,
I felt you all around.

Oh, I went to your house tonight a vision
I could find
Composed and told most carefully and
played out in my mind

I was there
I could feel it in the air
I could feel and touch and taste and know
that you were there somewhere.

Angels gonna carry me home

I'm a leavin, won't be back no more
I'm a leavin for a distant shore
When you close that door,
lock it up so tight
Angels gonna guide me through the
darkest night
I'm a leavin
Angels gonna carry me home.

Open up the sky
It's the break of day
Open up the sky
It's a long long way.
Well this ain't no vacation, ain't no retreat
Angels gonna lead me cross the
widest street
I'm a leavin
Angels gonna carry me home.

Judgement comes a calling
Hear that doorbell chime
Judgement gonna count
Every sin and crime
I know its my turn
When I hear that sound
Read the verdict,
tell me where I'm bound.

I'm flyin out this morning
Leave the clouds behind

I'm flyin out this morning
I got peace to find
My number's confirmed, papers all signed
No more sorrow or trouble in mind,
I'm a leavin
Angels gonna carry me home.

Hairdo Rag

I didn't want to get
my hair wet.
Girls can be crazy
But it doesn't seem fair
Cause its lot of trouble
To do our hair.

That's why I didn't want to get
my hair wet.

Here's what happened:
We took a swim in the pool
To try to get cool
But I could not be urged to
get submerged.

I said, I didn't want to get
my hair wet.

Oh you laughed at me
Teased me good.
Cause I would not immerse,
like you thought I should.

I said, I didn't want to get
my hair wet.
So here's the story
Here's the bottomline
Girls just want their hair
To keep lookin fine.

Therefore, I didn't want to get
my hair wet.
Oh, I didn't want to get
my hair wet..

Do Me Like You Do

Baby won't you come here
and do me so nice
Sprinkle me with sugar
and more of that spice
Dial my number, give me all your advice
Baby won't you Do Me Like You Do.

Baby won't you come here
and do me so fine
I'm sittin here wonderin,
drinking to much wine

Waitin for days by the telephone line
Baby won't you Do Me Like You Do.

Well I've been long suffering
Even tempered
And understanding
Try so hard to avoid being
Overly demanding
I comprehend the rules
But I'm tired of playin the fool
I've been patient, calm and kind
But I'm about to lose my mind.

Baby come over you know the way
Yours bills are overdue
and I can help you pay
There's hardly any more I can do or say
Baby won't you Do Me Like You Do.

Well I've paid your meter my last dime
The clock I'm watching is
almost out of time
I just want to hear that old door
bell chime
Baby won't you Do Me Like You Do
Oh Baby won't you Do Me Like You Do.

Money Blues

They're hurtin me, they always do
I'm bruised and battered,
through and through

Got no green to pay my dues
I got them hard luck, empty pocket,
out of money blues.

They're hurtin me, I feel that ache
There ain't hardly nothing left to take
Got no food and no more booze
I got them hard luck, empty pocket,
out of money blues.

No more credit, no more cash
No more checks or coin
No more plastic no more sock
Soon my head's on the choppin block

Got no more green to pay my dues
I got them hard luck, empty pocket,
out of money blues.

They're hurtin me, I don't know when
I'll ever pay my rent again.
Lost my shirt and lost my shoes,
I got them hard luck, empty pocket,
out of money blues.

No more bonds, no bank account
No more good investments
No extensions, no delay
My number's up and it ain't paid
Got no green to pay my dues
I got them hard luck, empty pocket,
out of money blues.

Once Again and More

Can you see the postcard
Things we've said and done
Smiling for the camera,
squinting at the sun
Wishin you were here with me,
standing at the door
Holding like we used to a
thousand times before
We are tethered to this highway
Finds a new direction
Finds a different rendezvous
Another clear connection
Makes a new horizon, edges reach so far
Oh hold on here beside me now
Once again and more.

Oh hold on fast, hold on tight,
be my evening star tonight
I'll be the light upon our shore
Oh hold on, hold on,
Once again and more.
The scene is sometimes faded
Cloudy and obscure
Help put back the pieces,
they way they fit before
I can't understand the parts
They're lyin on the floor
Edges frayed like memories that once
were so secure
We are gliding in this atmosphere
Floating in the sea
Blowing with the winds of change
Running wild and free
Hearts so light we can fly,
feet can't fell the floor
Oh hold on here beside me now
Once again and more.

Oh once more through the galaxy,
once more through the fire
Hanging on a thread of smoke and wire
I'll be the light upon your shore
Oh hold on, hold on,
Once again and more.