

Instant no-frills arrangements of 225 great blues numbers

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A Mess Of Blues

Words & Music by Doc Pomus & Mort Shuman



Afro Blue

By Ramon 'Mongo' Santamaria



All Or Nothing At All

Words & Music by Arthur Altman & Jack Lawrence





After You've Gone



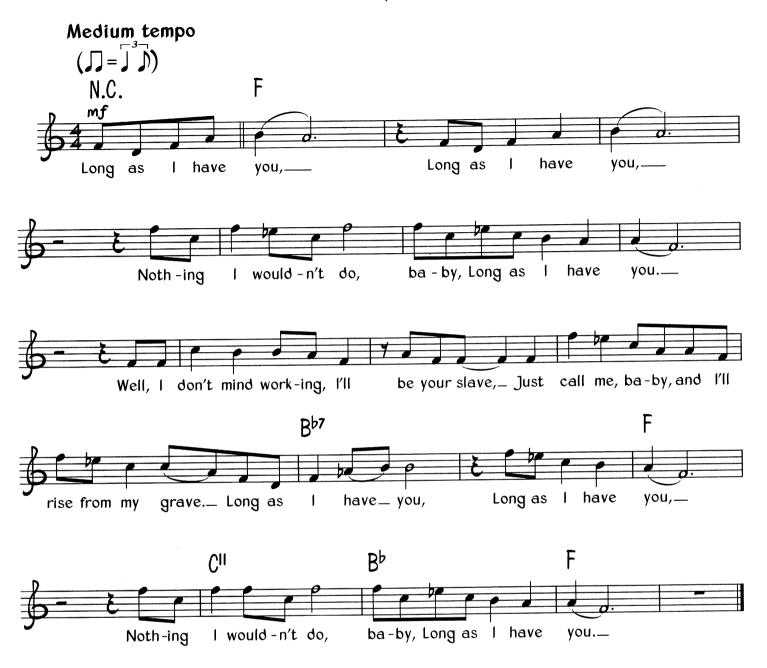
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As Long As I Have You

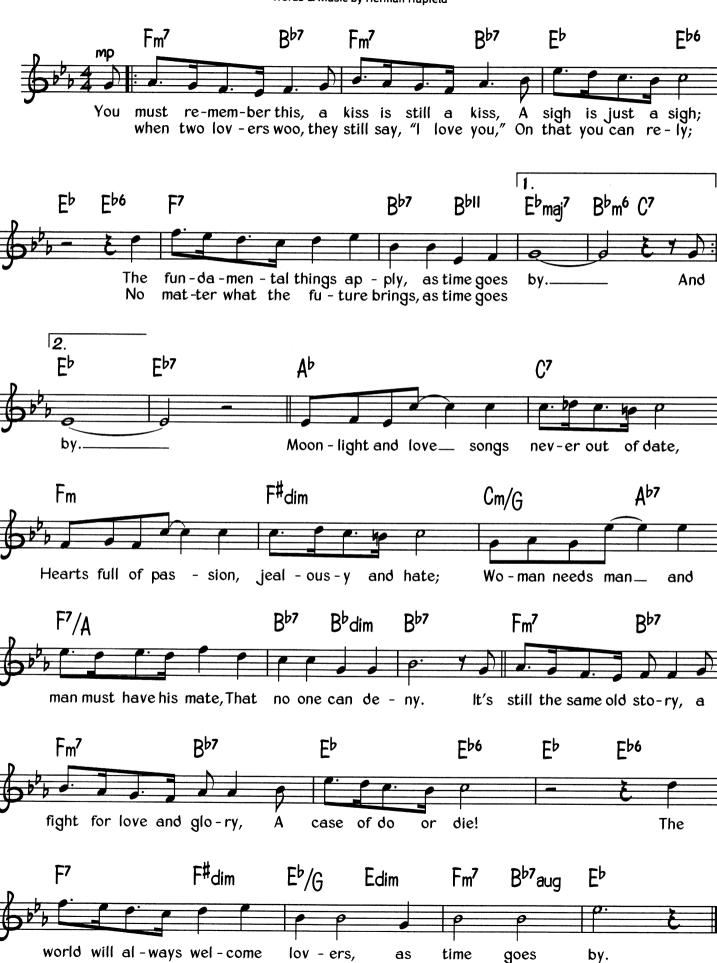
Words & Music by Willie Dixon



Verse 2
I'll do like a lizard,
I'll drag in the sand;
Just call me sweet names,
And I'll be your man.
Long as I have you,
Long as I have you,
Nothing I wouldn't do, baby,
Long as I have you.

As Time Goes By

Words & Music by Herman Hupfeld



time

by.

Autumn Leaves (Les Feuilles Mortes)



Baby Doll





Back Door Man

Words & Music by Willie Dixon

Medium slow















Verse 3
They take me to the doctor, shot full of holes;
Nurse cried "Can't save his soul."
Accused him for murder, first degree,
Judge wife cried "Let the man go free."

Verse 4
When everybody's tryin' to sleep,
I'm somewhere makin' my midnight creep;
Every morning the rooster crow,
Something tell me I got to go.

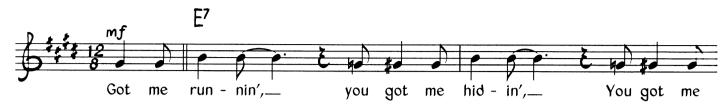
Verse 5
Cop's wife cried, "Don't kick him down,
Rather be dead, six feet in the ground."
When you come home you can eat pork and beans;
I eat more chicken any man seen.

Verse 6
When everybody's try'n to sleep,
I'm somewhere makin' my midnight creep.
Just the mornin' the rooster crow,
Somethin' tell me I got to go.

Baby What You Want Me To Do?

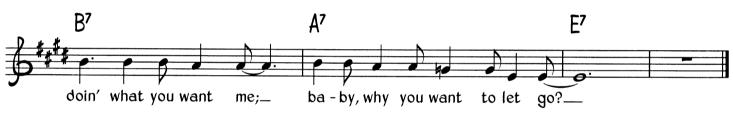
Words & Music by Jimmy Reed











Verse 2
Goin' up, goin' down,
Goin' up, down, down, up, any way you want it.
Let it roll, yeah, yeah, yeah.
You got me doin' what you want me;
Baby, why you want to let it go?

Verse 3
Got me beeping, got me hiding,
Got me beep, hide, hide, beep, any way you want to.
Let it roll, yeah, yeah,
You got me doin' what you want;
Baby, why you want to let it go?

Backwater Blues



Verse 2

I woke up this morning, wouldn't even get out of my door. (Twice) Enough trouble to make a poor girl wonder where she gonna go.

Verse 3

They rowed a little boat, about five miles 'cross the farm. (Twice) I packed up all my clothing, throwed it in and they rowed me along.

Verse 4

It thundered and it lightened and the winds began to blow. (Twice) There was a thousand women didn't have no place to go.

Verse 5

I went out to the lonesome, high old lonesome hill. (Twice) I looked down on the old house where I used to live.

Verse 6

Backwater blues have caused me to pack up my things and go. (Twice) 'Cos my house fell down and I can't live there no more.

Verse 7

Mmm, I can't live there no more. (Twice)
And there ain't no place for a poor old girl to go.

Big Spender

Words by Dorothy Fields ★ Music by Cy Coleman

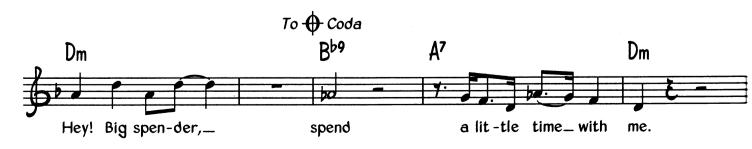




















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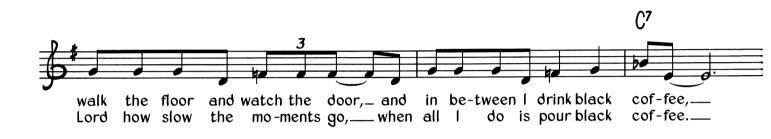
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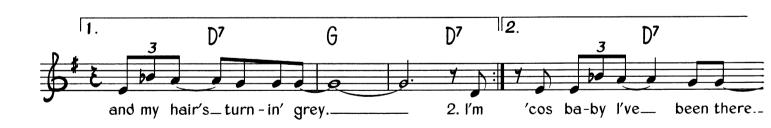
Medium slow

Words & Music by Paul Francis Webster & Sonny Burke



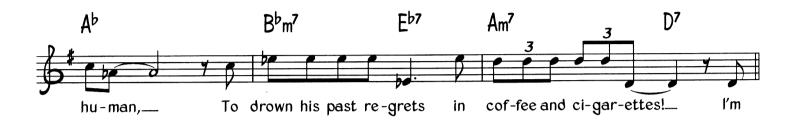






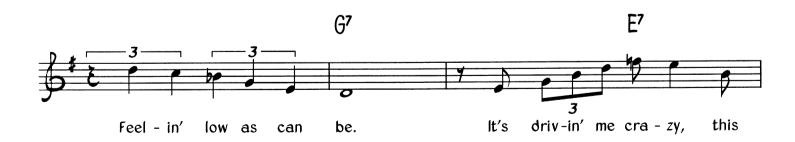














Behind Closed Doors

Traditional











Verse 2

When I first met you, baby, you was behind a closed door. (Twice) You know I was beggin' and beggin' you, make me a pallet on your floor.

Verse 3 Darling, you know I love you, I love you for myself. Don't want you to fool around and find somebody else. I don't want you, baby, standing behind a closed door.

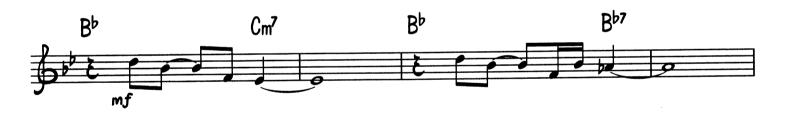
Blue Haze

By Miles Davis















Blue Monk

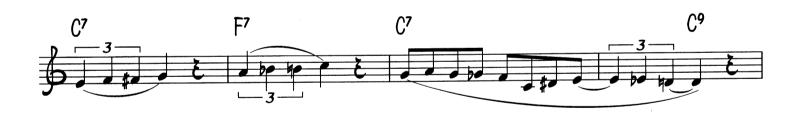
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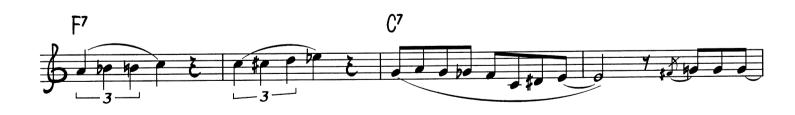
By Thelonious Monk













Blue Train Blues (Ticket Agent Take Your Window Down)





Blues (From 'An American In Paris')

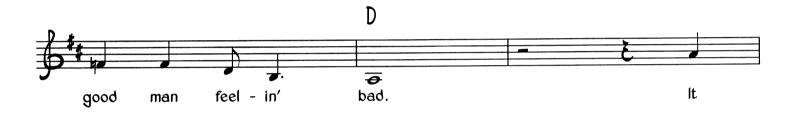


Blues Ain't Nothing

Words & Music by Georgia White









Verse 2
Honey, when I die, honey, when I die, don't you go wear no black.
Honey, when I die, don't go wear no black;
For if you do, my bones'll come a-creeping back.

Verse 3 I'm a-going downtown, I'm a-going downtown, gonna buy myself some glue. I'm a-going downtown, gonna buy myself some glue; 'Cos the woman I've been loving, she broke my heart in two.

Blues And Booze

Traditional

Medium tempo







Verse 2

I went to the jailhouse, drunk and blue as I could be. (Twice) But that cruel old judge sent my man away from me.

Verse 3

They carried me to the courthouse; Lordy, how I was cryin'. (Twice) They jailed me sixty days in jail, and money couldn't pay the fine.

Verse 4

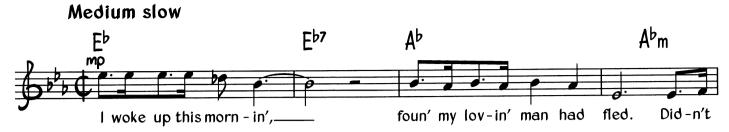
Sixty days ain't long if you can spend them as you choose. (*Twice*) But this seems like jail, in a cell where there ain't no booze.

Verse 5

My life is all a misery when I cannot get my booze. (Twice) I spend every dime on liquor, got to have the booze to go with these blues.

Blues Around My Bed

Words & Music by Spencer Williams

















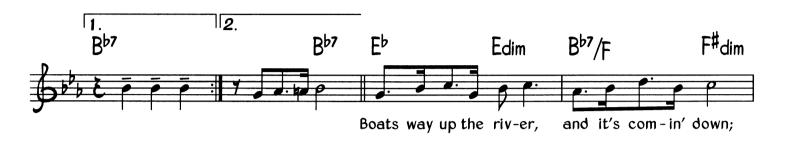








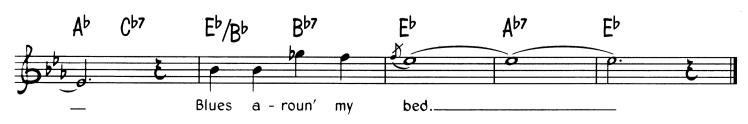






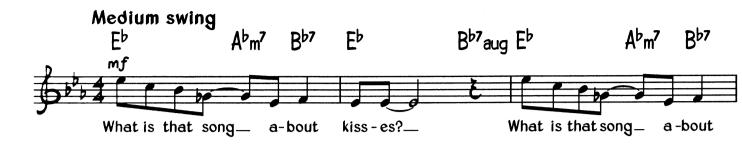






Blues My Naughty Sweetie Gives To Me

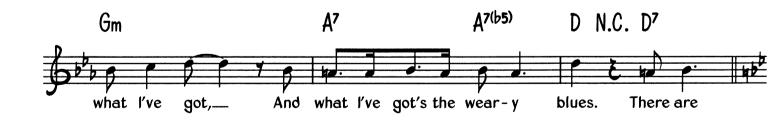
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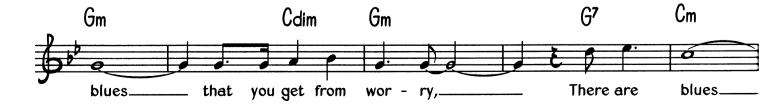
















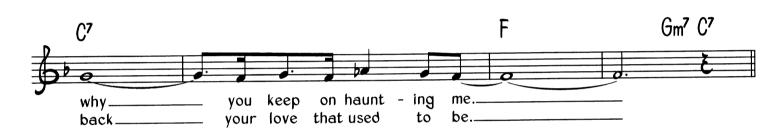


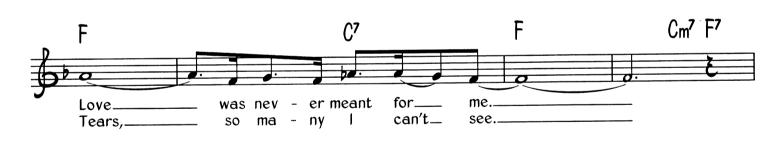


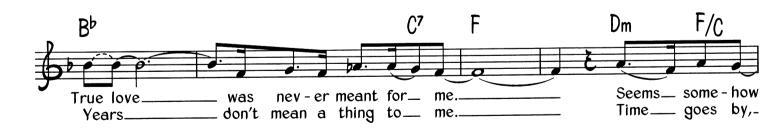








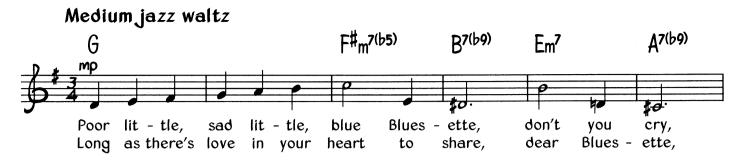


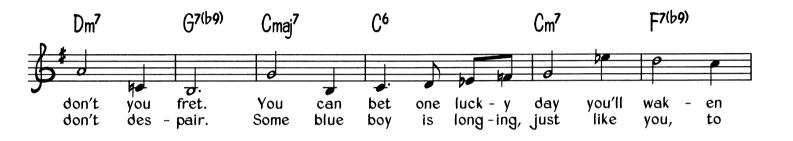


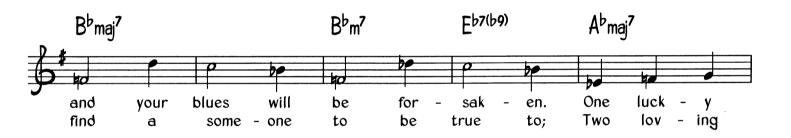


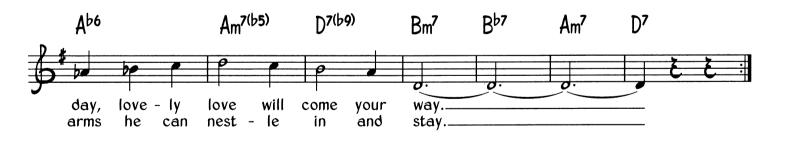
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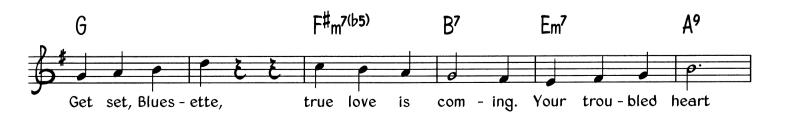
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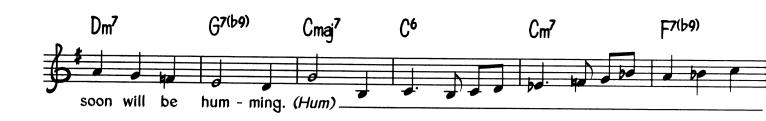




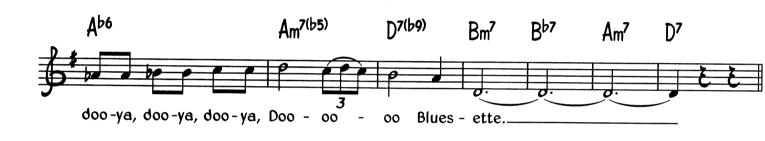














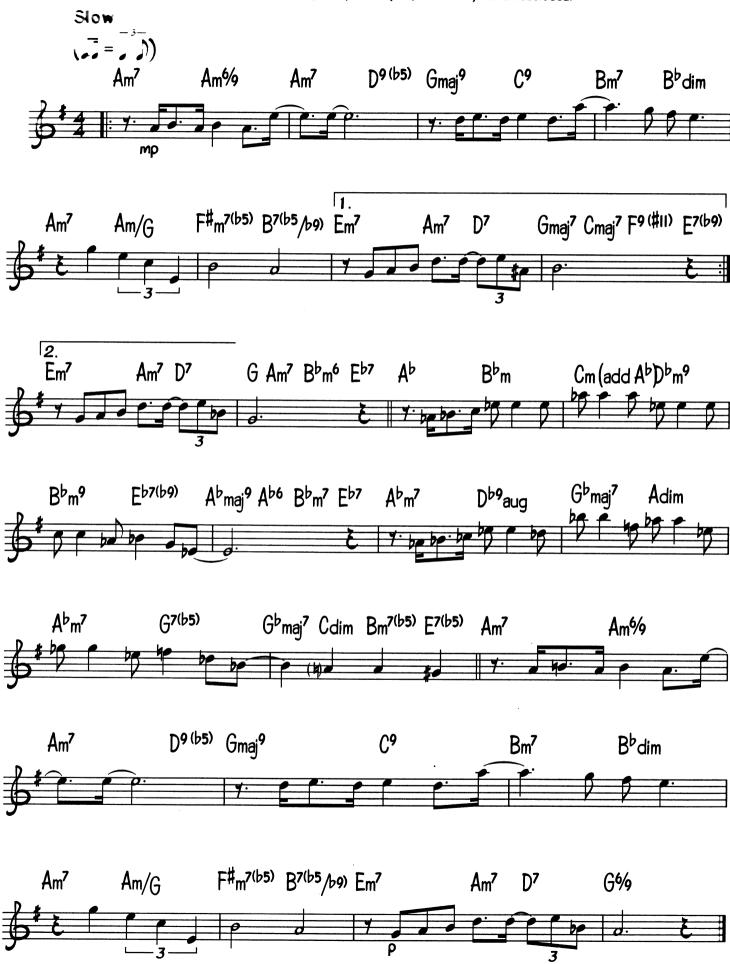






Body And Soul

Music by John Green ★ Lyrics by Frank Eyton, Edward Heyman & Robert Sour



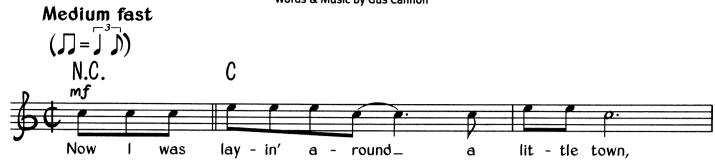
Born To Lose

Words & Music by Ted Daffan



Bring It With You When You Come

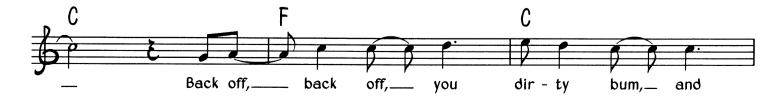
Words & Music by Gus Cannon



















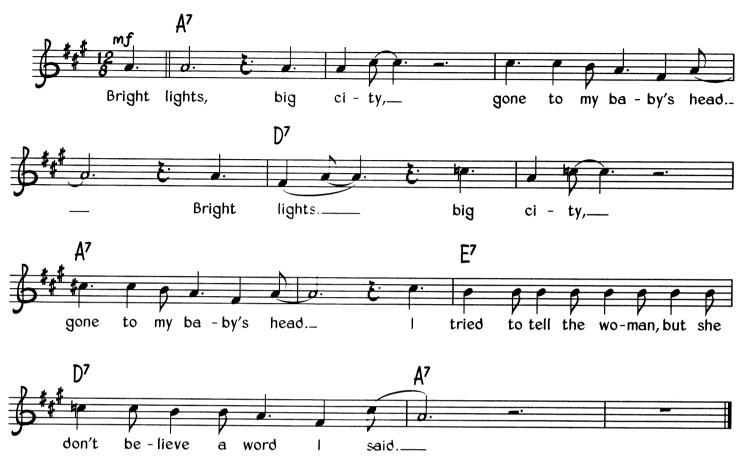




Bright Lights, Big City

Words & Music by Jimmy Reed





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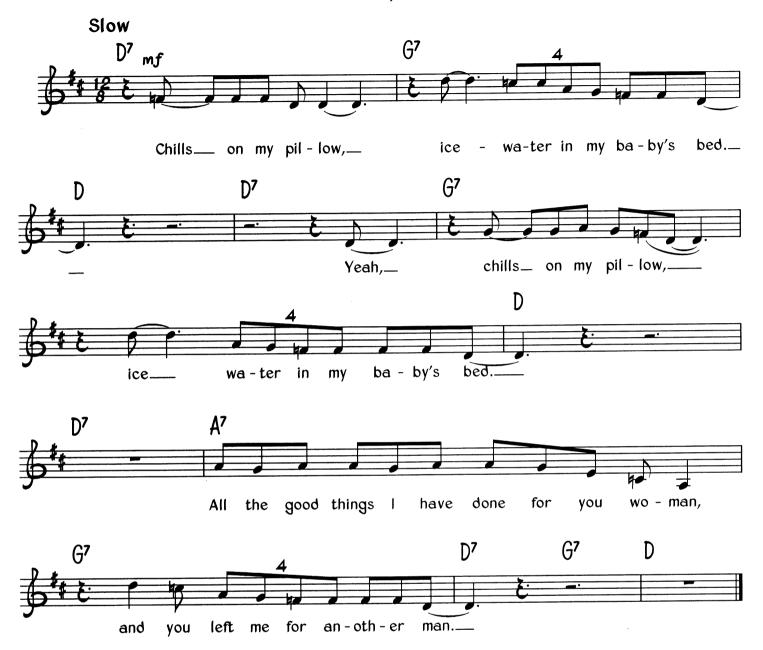
All right, pretty baby, gonna need my help some day. (Twice) You gonna wish you had listened to some of the the things I say.

Verse 3

Bright lights, big city, gone to my baby's head. (Twice) I got to tell your mama that you don't believe a thing I said.

Broken Hearted Blues

Words & Music by Willie Dixon



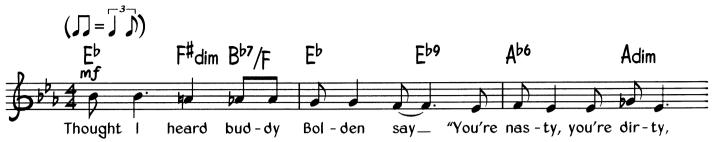
Verse 2 If you happen to see my baby, I want you to tell her I been cryin' on my knees. (Twice) Tell me pray to my master, please hope her back to me.

Verse 3
If I had ten million dollars, woman, you know I would give you every dime. (Twice)
Just to hear you call me daddy one more time.

Buddy Bolden's Blues

By Ferdinand 'Jelly Roll' Morton









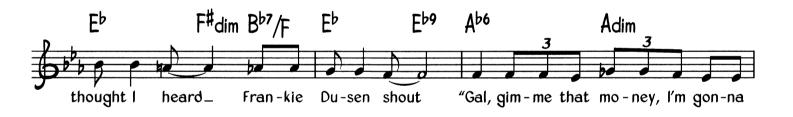
















Brother, Can You Spare A Dime

Music by Jay Gorney ★ Words by E. Y. Harburg



Built For Comfort

Words & Music by Willie Dixon













Verse 2
I ain't got no diamonds, I ain't got no boat,
But I do have love that's gonna fire your soul.
'Cos I'm built for comfort, I aint built for speed;
But I got everything all you good women need.

Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man

Music by Jerome Kern ★ Words by Oscar Hammerstein II



Can't Stop Lovin'

Words & Music by Elmore James

Medium tempo







Verse 2

I loved my baby, this mornin' soon. (Twice) I didn't come back home till this afternoon.

Verse 3

When I leave my baby, she's all alone. (Twice) I can't have no lovin', cos my baby's gone.

Verse 4

Oh, baby, come and walk with me. (Twice) I'll make you happy, baby, as any girl can be.

Canal Street Blues

By Joe 'King' Oliver











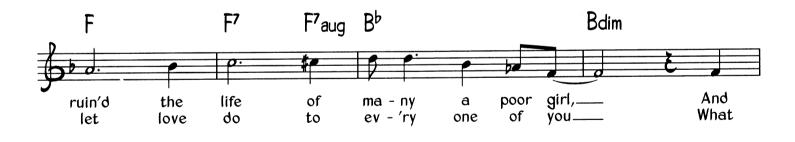


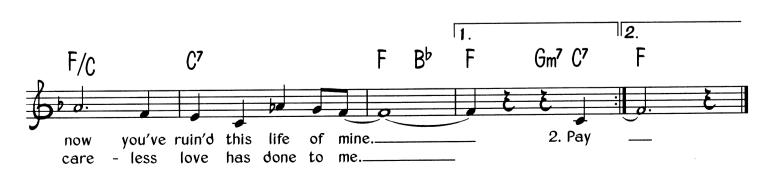
Careless Love

Traditional









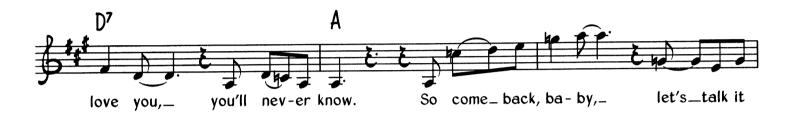
Chelsea Bridge



Come Back Baby

Words & Music by Norman Petty & Fred Neil





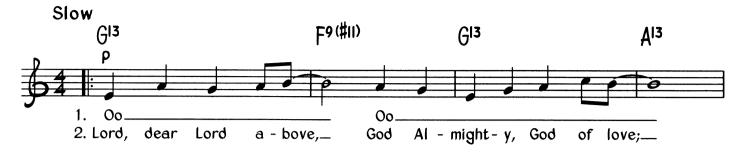


Verse 2
For the way I love you, you know I do;
For the way you love me, baby,
You never know.
Come back, baby, let's talk it over
One more time.

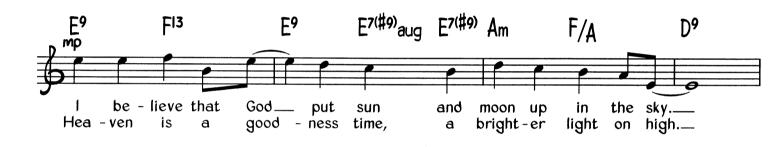
Verse 3
You know I love you, tell the world I do;
For the way I love you, baby,
You'll never know.
So come back, baby, let's talk it over
One more time.

Come Sunday

By Duke Ellington



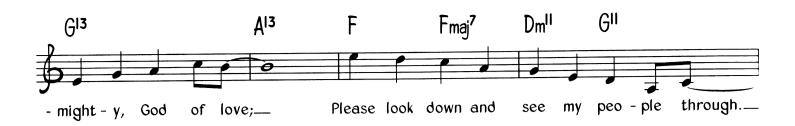


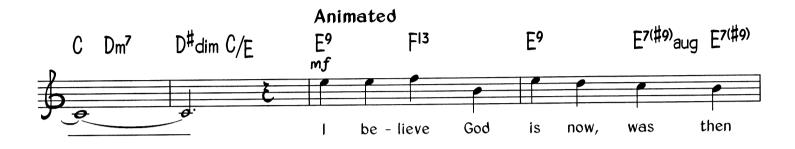




I don't mind the grey__ skies, 'cos they're just clouds pas - sing by.____ Do unto others as you would have them do to you. And (Spoken) (Sing)







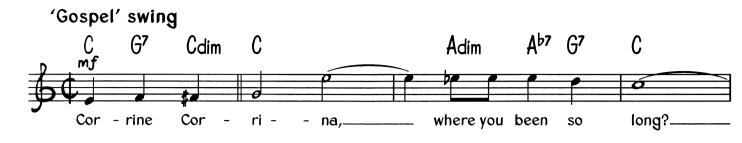


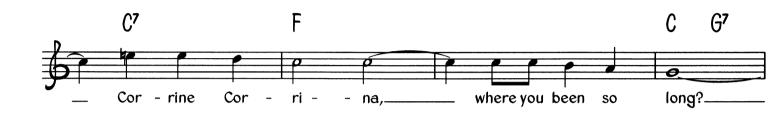


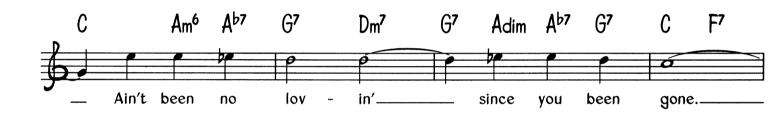


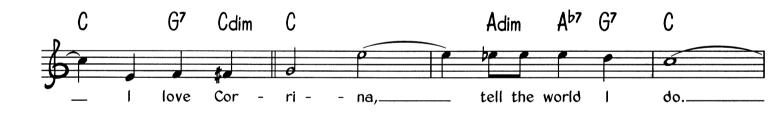
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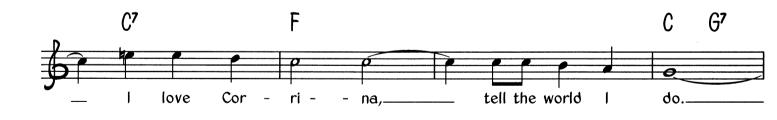
Words & Music by J. M. Williams & Bo Chatman













Cottonfields

Words & Music by Huddie Ledbetter



Cotton Tail

By Duke Ellington

Medium tempo













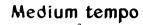




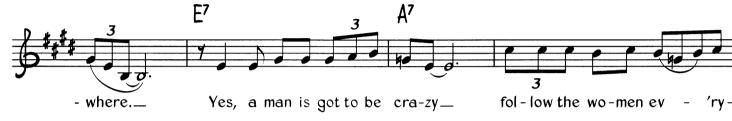


Crazy Man Blues

Words & Music by Sonny Terry











Verse 2

Yes, a man's got to be crazy to think he got a woman all by himself. (Twice) I say as I'm back in town; yes, you know she's cutting out with somebody else.

Verse 3

Yes, a man is crazy to give one woman all his pay. (Twice) I said, before I'd be like them, I'd walk out of the front door to stay.

Crossroads Blues

Words & Music by Robert Johnson

Medium tempo









Verse 2

Standin' at the crossroad, tried to flag a ride. (Twice) Didn't nobody seem to know me, everybody pass me by.

Verse 3

Standin' at the crossroad, risin' sun goin' down. (Twice) I believe to my souls, po' Bob is sinkin' down.

Verse 4

You can run, you can run, tell my friend Willie Brown, (Twice) That I got crossroad blues this mornin'; Lord, I'm sinkin' down.

Verse 5

And I went to the crossroad, mama, I looked east and west. (Twice) Lord, I didn't have no sweet woman, oh well, babe, in my distress.

Cry Your Blues Away

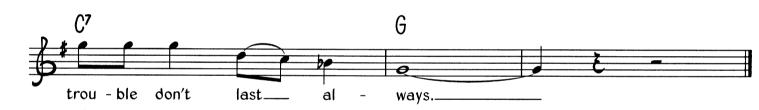
Words & Music by Arthur Crudup











Verse 2

Remember you told me I would never hear you say. (Twice) That is the reason, darling, why I can't say goodbye.

Verse 3

I'm gonna find someone to love me, someone I can call my own. (Twice) You know, I'm so tired of staying in this world alone.

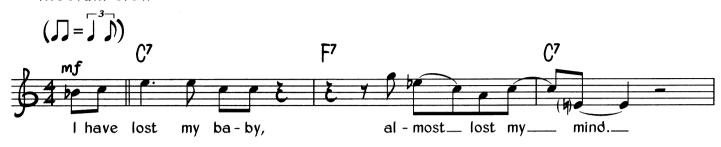
Verse 4

Darling, you don't want me, you really treat me like a slave. (Twice) You know, some of these mornings I'll be dead and in my grave.

Dark And Dreary

Words & Music by Elmore James

Medium slow







Verse 2

Well, the road seemed dark and dreary, while I travelled down that way. (Twice) Well, my baby left me, she just come back home today.

Verse 3

Oh, I love my baby, tell the world I do. (Twice)
Well, I need a little lovin', darlin'; gonna make my dream come true.

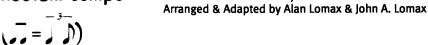
Verse 4

Oh, I love you darlin', like a schoolboy loves his pie. (Twice)
Now ain't that the way to treat me, darlin'; my hurt's so long that I will die

De Kalb Blues

Medium tempo

Words & Music by Huddie Ledbetter









Verse 2

Wasn't for the powder and the straightnin' comb, (Twice) Lord, these De Kalb women would not have no home.

Verse 3

Buy me a pistol, get me a Gatlin' gun. (Twice) Ever catch you, baby, we gonna have some fun.

Verse 4

Some folks told me De kalb blues ain't bad. (Twice) It's the worry'st blues that I ever had.

Verse 5

If the blues was whiskey, I'd stay drunk all the time; (Twice) Stay drunk, baby, to get you off of my mind.

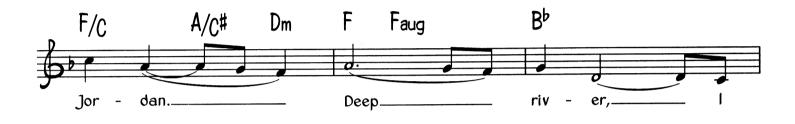
Verse 6

Look here, baby, what more can I do? (Twice) Well, I had five dollars and I gave you two.

Deep River

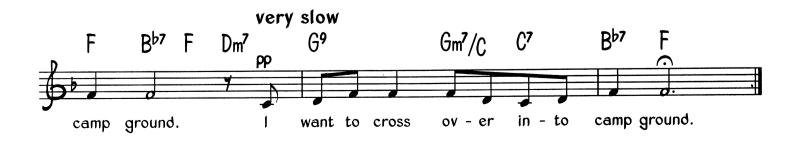
Traditional











Don't Fish In My Sea

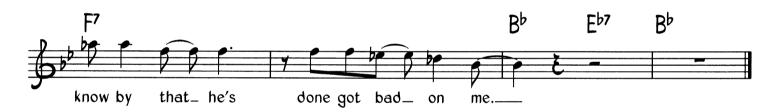
Words & Music by Bessie Smith & Ma Rainey

Medium tempo









Verse 2

He used to stay out late, now he don't come home at all. (Twice) I know there's another mule been kicking in my stall.

Verse 3

If you don't like my ocean, don't fish in my sea. (Twice) Stay out of my valley, let my mountain be.

Verse 4

I ain't had no loving since God knows when. (Twice)
That's the reason I'm through with these no-good, trifling men.

Verse 5

You'll never miss the sunshine till the rain begin to fall. (Twice) You'll never miss you ham till another mule be in your stall.

Don't Go To Strangers

Words by Redd Evans ★ Music by Arthur Kent & Dave Mann



Down By The Riverside

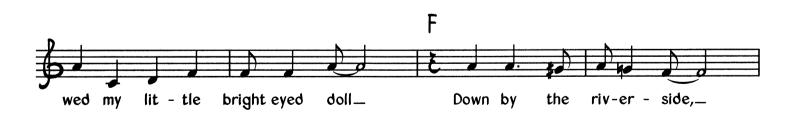


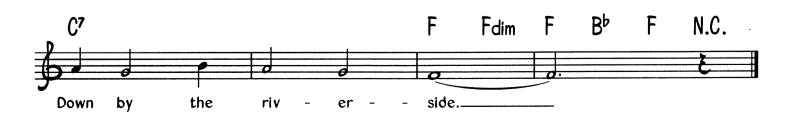












Down The Road A Piece

Words & Music by Don Raye





Don't Sell It (Don't Give It Away)

Words & Music by Oscar Woods



Verse 2
You know you didn't want me, why did you call; don't you hear me cryin' little all and all.
You know you didn't want me, baby why did you call?
I can get more women than a passenger train can haul.

Chorus

Duet

Medium tempo

By Neal Hefti

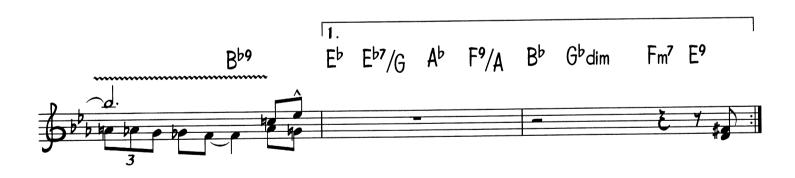


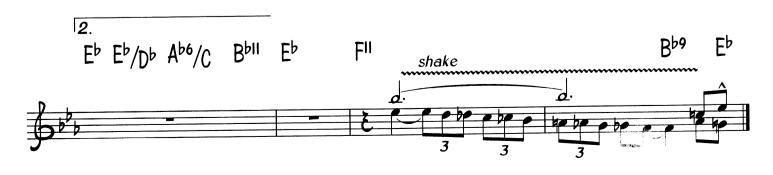
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Dust My Broom

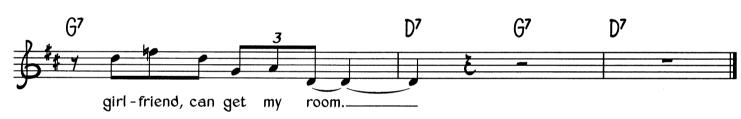
Words & Music by Robert Johnson

Medium tempo









Verse 2

I'm gon' write a letter, telephone every town I know. (Twice)
If I can't find her in West Helena, she must be in East Monroe, I know.

Verse 3

I don't want no woman wants every downtown man she meet. (Twice) She's a no good doney, they shouldn't 'low her on the street.

Verse 4

I believe, I believe I'll go back home. (Twice) You can mistreat me here, babe, but you can't when I get home.

Verse 5

And I'm gettin' up in the morning, I believe I'll dust my broom. (Twice) Girlfriend, the black man that you been lovin', girlfriend, can get my room.

Dust Pneumonia Blues

Words & Music by Woody Guthrie

Medium tempo







Verse 2

Now there ought to be some yodelling in this song. (Twice) But I can't yodel for the rattling in my lung.

Verse 3

My good gal sings the dust pneumony blues. (Twice) She loves me 'cos she's got the dust pneumony too.

Verse 4

If it wasn't for choppin', my hoe would turn to rust. (Twice) I can't find a woman in this black old Texas dust.

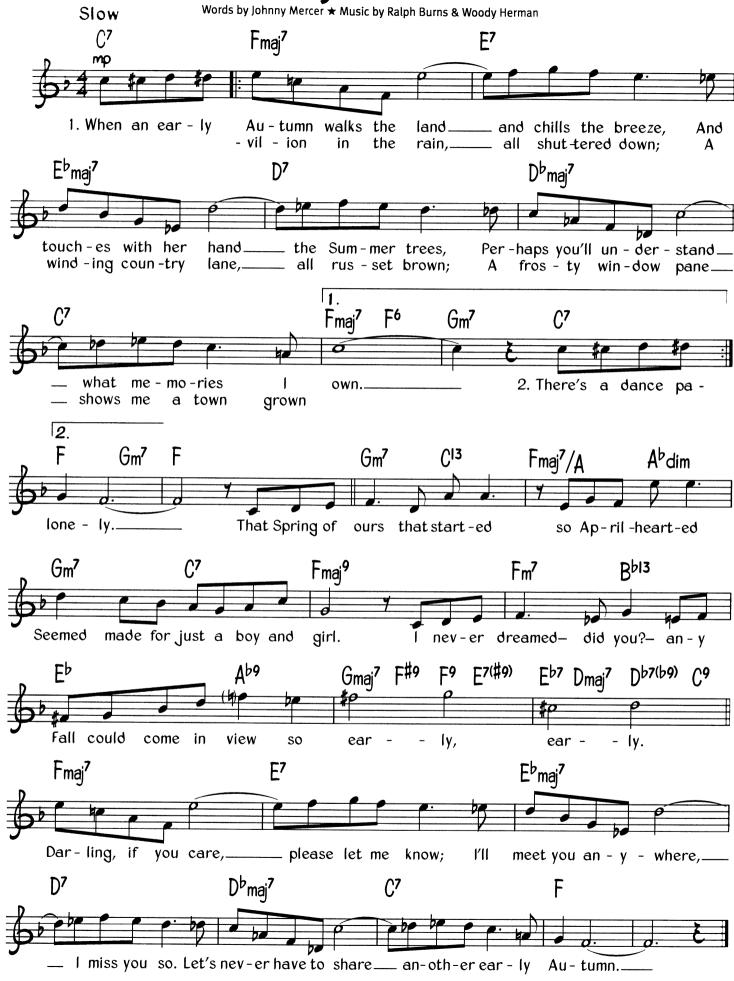
Verse 5

Down in Oklahoma the wind blows mighty strong. (Twice) If you want to get a mama, just sing a California song.

Verse 6

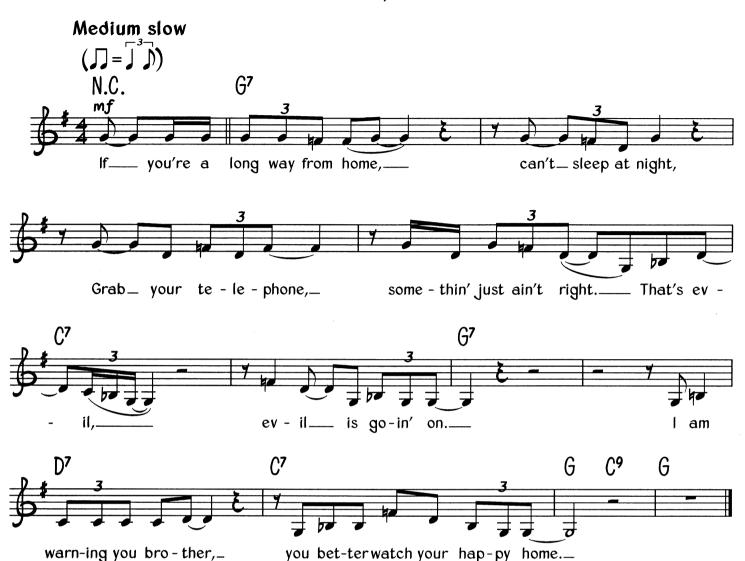
Down in Texas my gal fainted in the rain. (Twice)
I throwed a bucket of dirt in her face just to bring her back again.

Early Autumn



Evil (Is Goin' On)

Words & Music by Willie Dixon



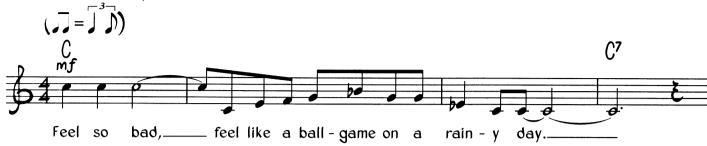
Verse 2
Well, if you call her on the telephone,
And she answers awful slow,
Grab the first thing smokin',
If you have to hobo.
That's evil, etc.

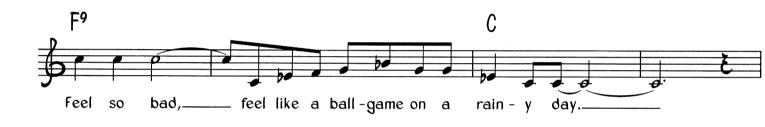
Verse 3
If you make it to your house,
Knock on the front door;
Run around to the back,
You catch him just before he goes.
That's evil, etc.

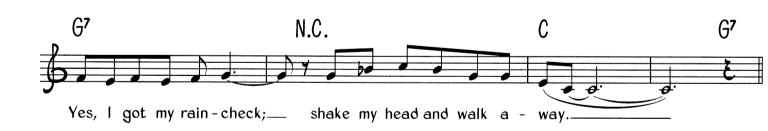
Feel So Bad

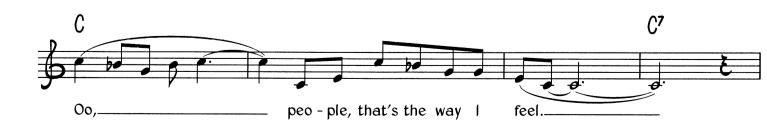
Words & Music by Chuck Willis

Medium tempo







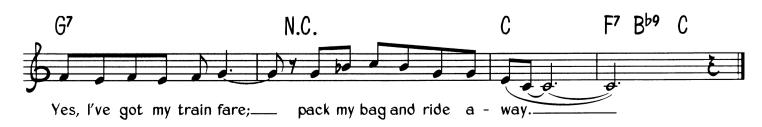


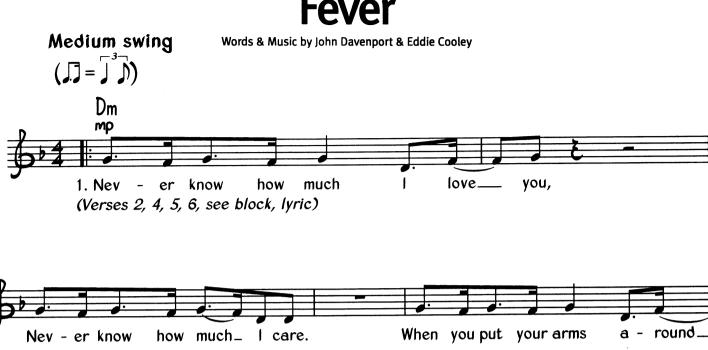






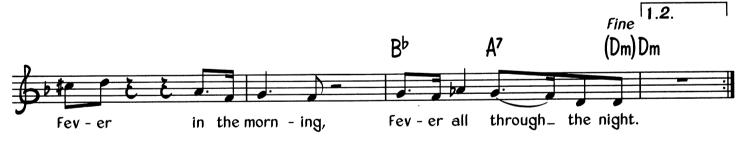


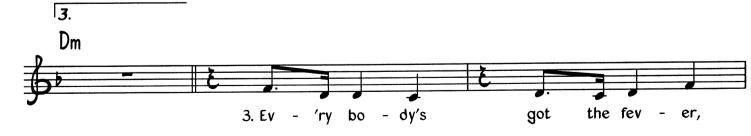
















Verse 2
Sun lights up the daytime,
Moon lights up the night.
I light up when you call my name,
And you know I'm gonna treat you right.
You give me fever when you kiss me,
Fever when you hold me tight;
Fever in the morning,
Fever all through the night.

Verse 4
Romeo loved Juliet,
Juliet she felt the same;
When he put his arms around her, he said "Julie, baby, you're my flame.
Thou givest fever when we kisseth,
Fever with thy flaming youth.
Fever, I'm afire;
Fever, yea, I burn forsooth!"

Verse 5
Captain Smith and Pocahontas
Had a very mad affair;
When her daddy tried to kill him, she said "Daddy-o, don't you dare!
He gives me fever with his kisses,
Fever when he holds me tight.
Fever, I'm his missus;
Oh, Daddy, won't you treat him right?"

Repeat Verse 3

Verse 6
Now you've listened to my story,
Here's the point that I have made:
Chicks were born to give you fever,
Be it fahrenheit or centigrade!
They give you fever when you kiss them,
Fever if you live and learn;
Fever till you sizzle —
What a lovely way to burn!

Fine And Mellow (My Man Don't Love Me)

Words & Music by Billie Holiday

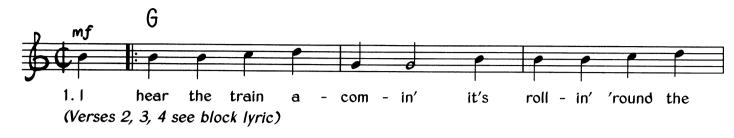




Folsom Prison Blues

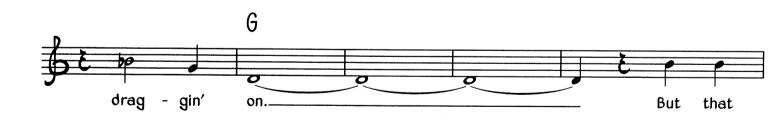
Words & Music by Johnny Cash

Medium fast













Verse 2
When I was just a baby, my mama told me "Son,
Always be a good boy, don't ever play with guns."
But I shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die.
When I hear that whistle blowin', I hang my head and cry.

Verse 3 I bet there's rich folk eatin' in a fancy dinin' car; They're prob'ly drinkin' coffee and smokin' big cigars. Well, I know I had it comin', I know I can't be free;

Well, I know I had it comin', I know I can't be free; But those people keep a-movin', and that's what tortures me.

Verse 4

Well, if they freed me from this prison, if that railroad train was mine, I bet I'd move to over a little farther down the line; Far from Folsom Prison, that's where I want to stay, And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues away.

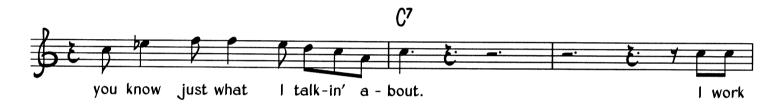
Five Long Years

Words & Music by Eddie Boyd

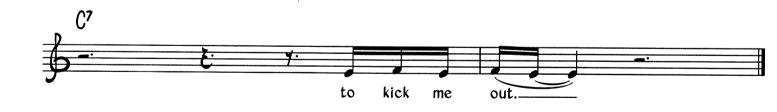












Verse 2

I got a job at a steel mill, truckin' steel just like a slave.

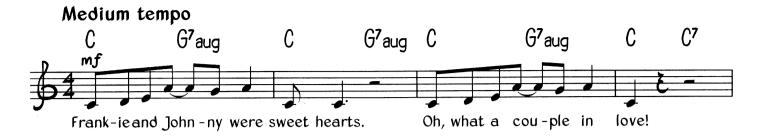
Five long years of fright, I'm runnin' straight home with all of my pay.

Mistreated, you know what I'm talkin' about?

I work five long years for one woman, and she had nerve to throw me out.

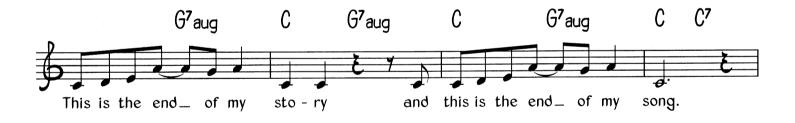
Frankie And Johnny

Traditional







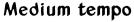






From Four Until Late

Words & Music by Robert Johnson











Verse 2

From Memphis to Norfolk is a thirty-six hours' ride. (Twice) A man is like a prisoner, and he's never satisfied.

Verse 3

A woman's like a dresser; some men always ramblin' through its drawers. (Twice) It 'cos so many men wear an apron over-all.

Verse 4

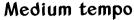
From four until late, she get with a no good bunch and clown. (Twice) Now she won't do nothin' but tear a good man's reputation down.

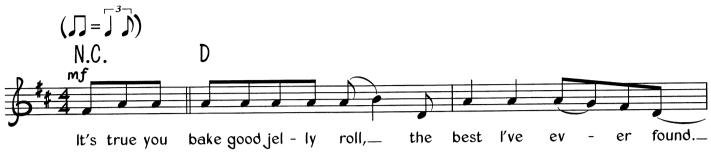
Verse 5

When I leave this town, I'm gon' bid you fare, farewell. (Twice) And when I return again, you'll have a great long story to tell.

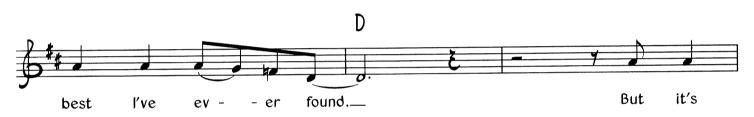
Go Back To Your No Good Man

Words & Music by Lonnie Johnson











one thing you got-ta stop ma-ma; that's serv-ing it all ov - er town.

Verse 2

Don't you think because I love you, you can play me for a chump to my face. (Twice) But I'm not as dumb as you think, there's another woman to fill your place.

Verse 3

Give me them clothes I bought you, take my diamonds off your hand. (Twice) Now you just like I found you, go back to your handy man.

Verse 4

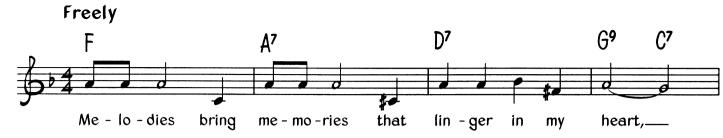
Now, I put shoes on your feet when your bare feet was pattin' the ground. (Twice) While I was out slaving for you, you was chasin' every rat in town.

Verse 5

Now, woman I stuck with you when you didn't have a friend at all. (Twice) So give them shoes I bought you, and that wig, and let your head go bald.

Georgia On My Mind

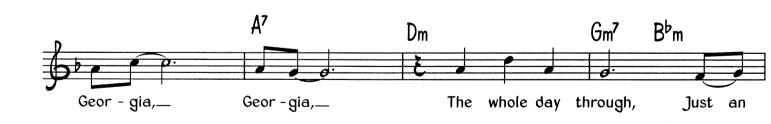
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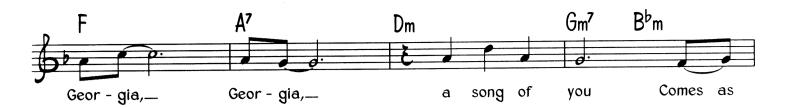
















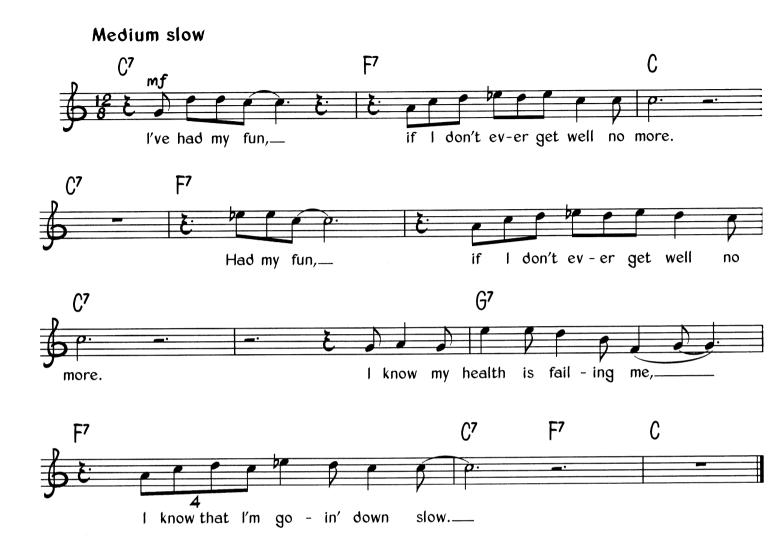






Going Down Slow

Words & Music by James B. Oden

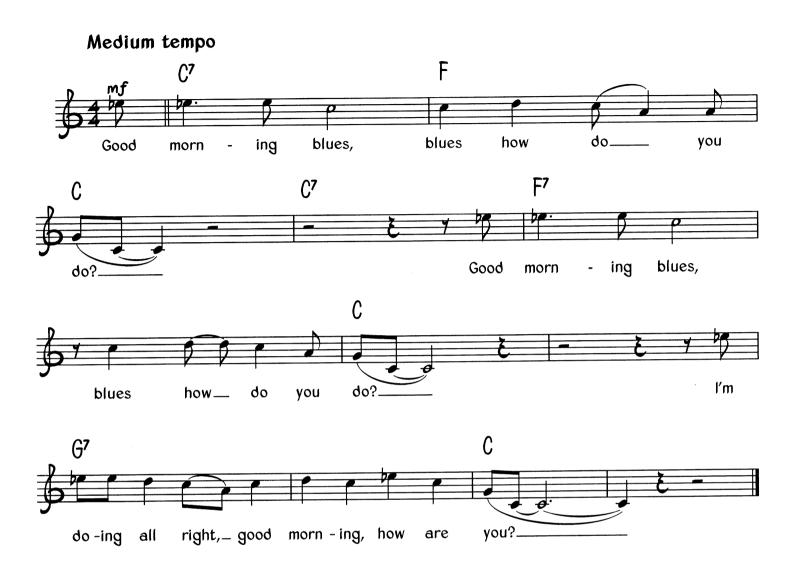


Verse 2
Somebody write my mother, tell her the shape I'm in. (Twice)
Tell her to pray for me, forgive me for my sins.

Verse 3
Mother, please don't send no doctor, doctor can't do no good. (Twice)
Back when I was young, didn't do the things I should.

Good Morning Blues

Traditional



Verse 2 Laid down last night, turnin' from side to side. (Twice) I was not sick, but I was just dissatisfied.

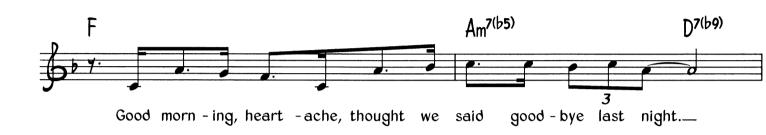
Verse 3 When I got up this mornin', blues walkin' round my bed. (Twice) I went to eat my breakfast, the blues was all in my bread.

Verse 4 I sent for you yesterday, here you come walking today. (Twice) You got your mouth wide open, you don't know what to say.

Good Morning Heartache

Words & Music by Irene Higginbotham, Ervin Drake & Dan Fisher

















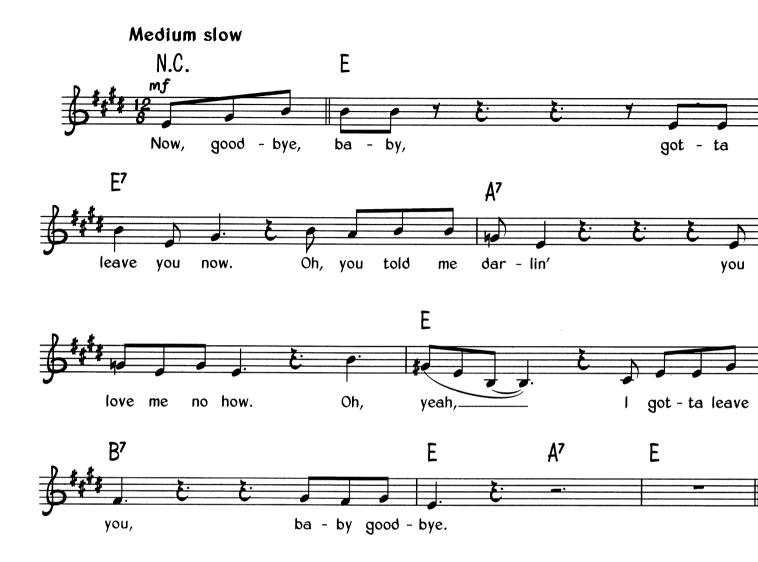






Goodbye Baby

Words & Music by Sam Ling, Joe Josea & Jules Taub



Verse 2
Aw baby, here's my right hand,
I love you, baby; I can't get you to understand.
Oh, bye, goodbye, baby, baby goodbye.

Verse 3
Aw yes, here's all of me.
I'll take you, baby, to some place you ought to be.
Oh, bye now, goodbye, baby goodbye.

Green River Blues

Words & Music by Charley Patton

Medium tempo









Verse 2

I think I heard the Marion whistle blow. (Twice) And it blew just like my baby gettin' on board.

Verse 3

Some people say the Green River blues ain't bad. (Twice) Then it must not have been them Green River blues I had.

Verse 4

It was late last night, everything was still. (Twice) I could see my baby up on a lonesome hill.

Verse 5

How long, how long, evening train been gone. (Twice) Yes, I'm worried now but I won't be worried long.

Hear Me Talkin' To Ya

Words & Music by Louis Armstrong





Here's That Rainy Day



Hey Hey Pretty Mama



Verse 2
Now tell me, baby, if your love is true;
Time pass so fast when I'm loving you.
Now tell me, baby, if I love you too strong;
When I get in the mood, I can roll all night long.
Hey, hey, pretty mama, etc.

Hoochie Coochie Man

Words & Music by Willie Dixon

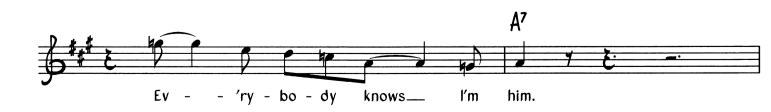
















Verse 2
I got a black cat bone,
I got a mojo too.
I got the Johnny conkeroo;
I'm gonna mess with you.
I'm gonna make you girls
Lead me by my hand;
Then the world's gonna know
I'm that hoochie coochie man.
Chorus

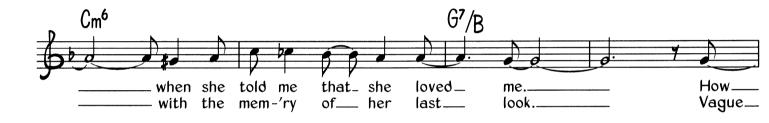
Verse 3
On the seventh hour,
On the seventh day,
On the seventh month,
The seventh doctor said:
"He was born for good luck."
And that, you'll see,
I got seven hundred dollars;
Don't you mess with me.
Chorus

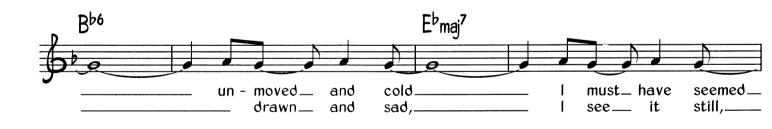
How Insensitive

Music by Antonio Carlos Jobim ★ Original Lyrics by Vinicius De Moraes ★ English Lyrics by Norman Gimbel

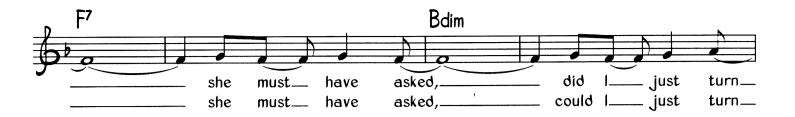
Bossa nova



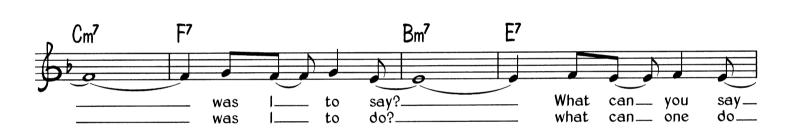




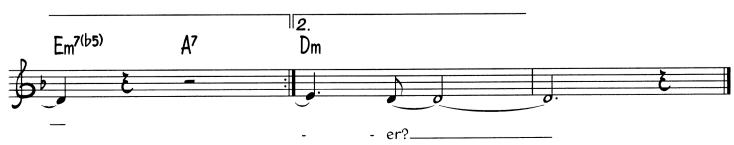












How Do You Want It Done?

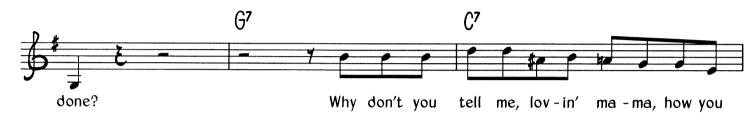
Words & Music by Big Bill Broonzy







Why don't you tell me, lov-in' ma - ma, how you want____ you roll-in'_







Verse 2

Lord, I got up this morning just about the break of day. (Twice) Lord, I'm thinkin' 'bout my baby; Lord, the one that went away.

Verse 3

I got me a little brownskin, just as sweet as she can be. (Twice) Lord, she low and she squatty, but she's alright with me.

Verse 4

Lord, some of these old mornings, mama; Lord, it won't be long. (Twice) Lord, I know you gonna call me, mama; Lord, and I'll be gone.

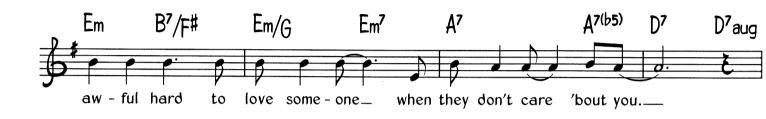
I Can't Stop Loving You



I Ain't Got Nobody (And There's Nobody Cares For Me)

Words & Music by Roger Graham & Spencer Williams



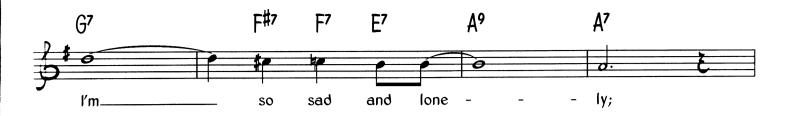


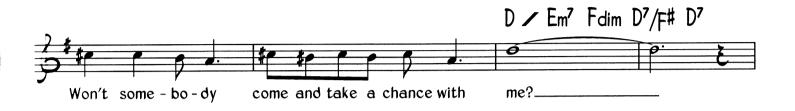






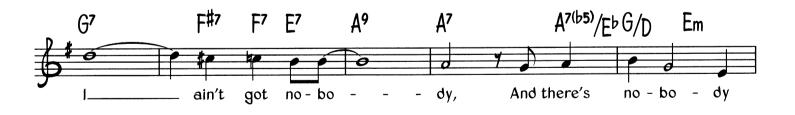










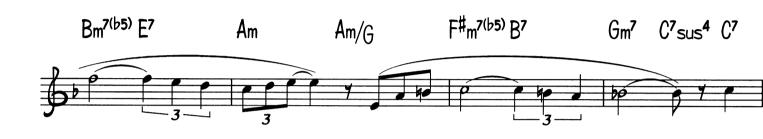




I Remember Clifford

By Benny Golson





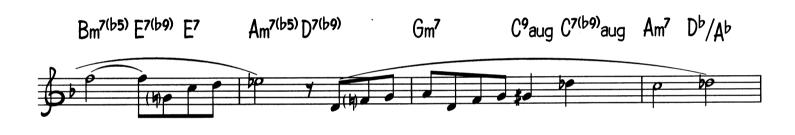




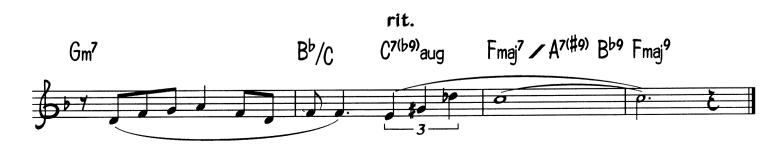






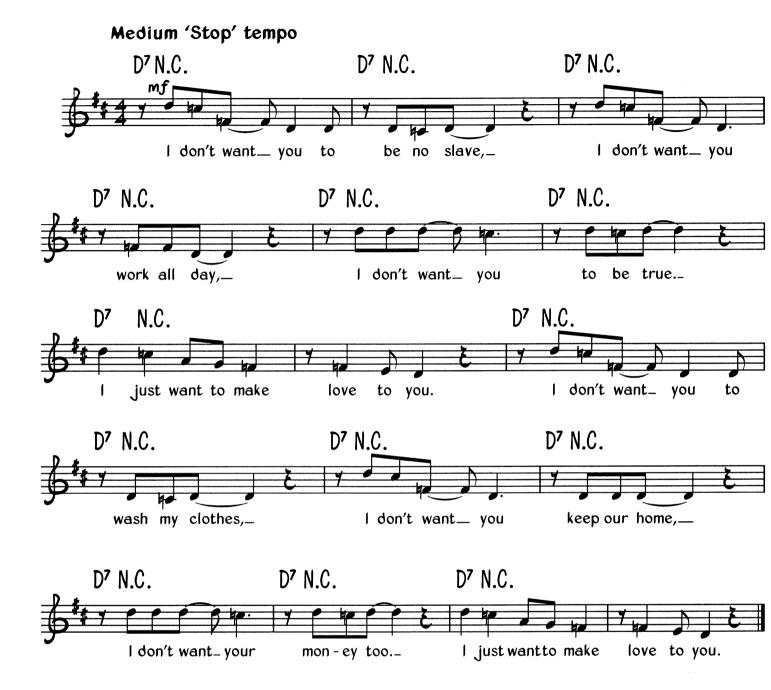






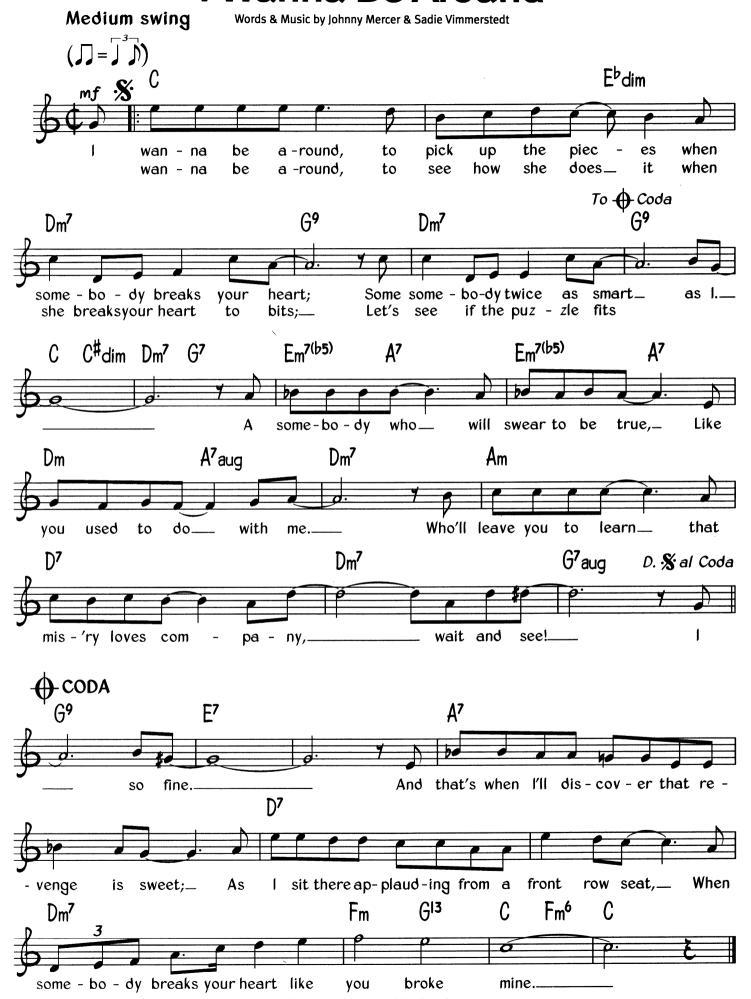
I Just Want To Make Love To You

Words & Music by Willie Dixon



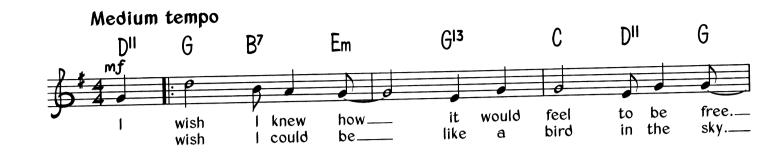
Verse 3
I don't want you to cook my bread,
I don't want you to make my bed.
I don't want you 'cos I'm sad and blue;
I just want to make love to you.

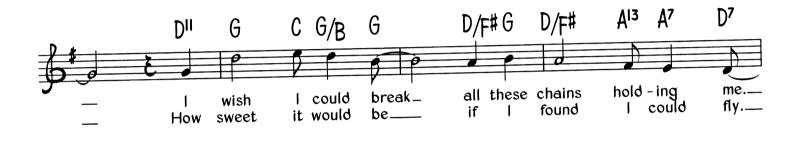
I Wanna Be Around

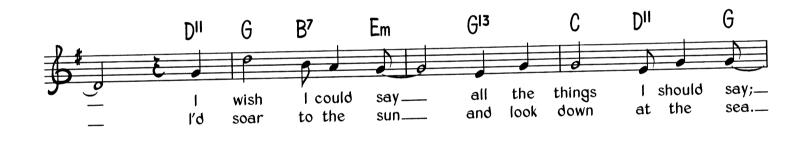


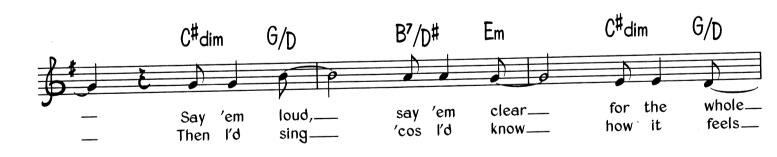
I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free

Words by Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas ★ Music by Billy Taylor





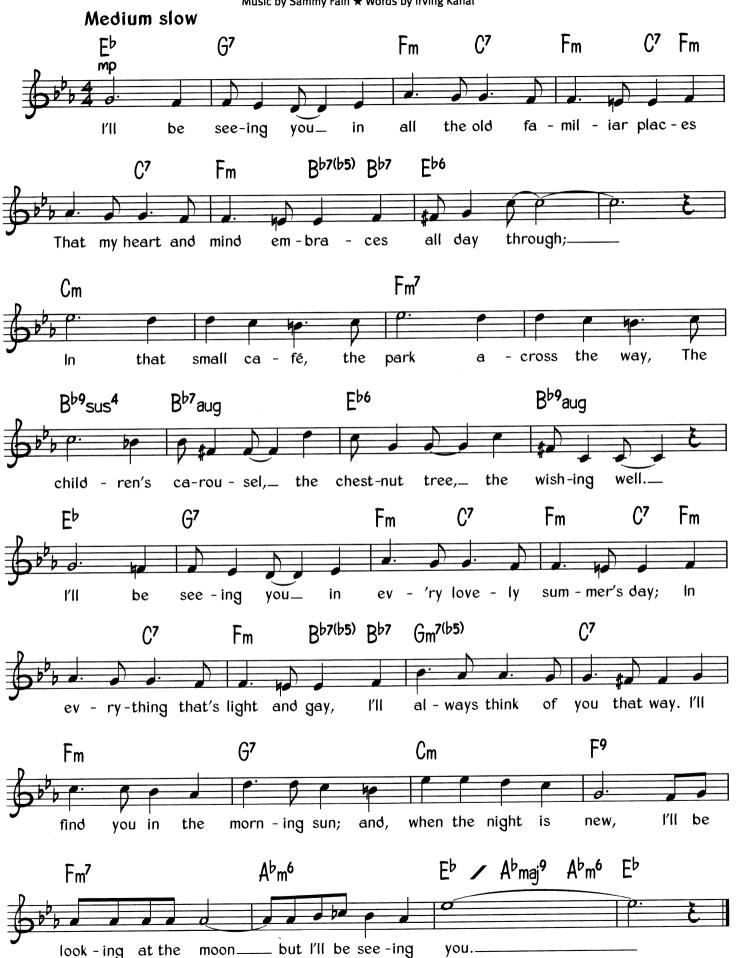






I'll Be Seeing You

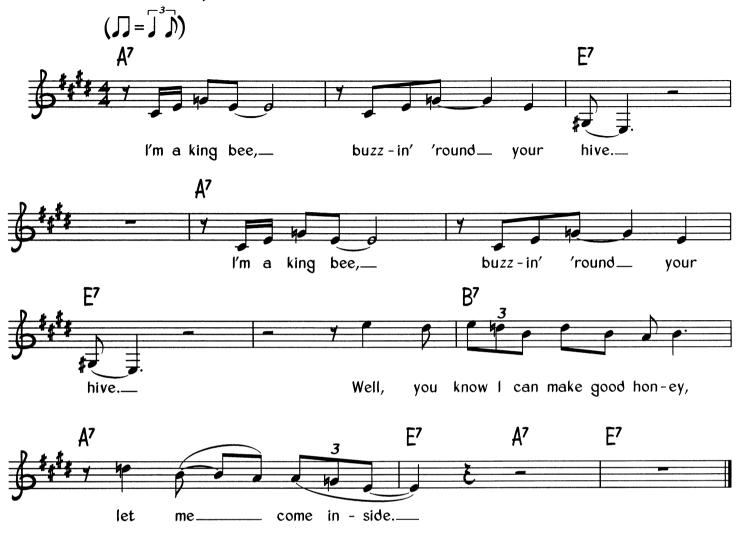
Music by Sammy Fain ★ Words by Irving Kahal



I'm A King Bee

Words & Music by James Moore





Verse 2

I'm a king bee, buzzin' all night long. (Twice) When you can hear me buzzin', there's some stinging goin' on.

Verse 3

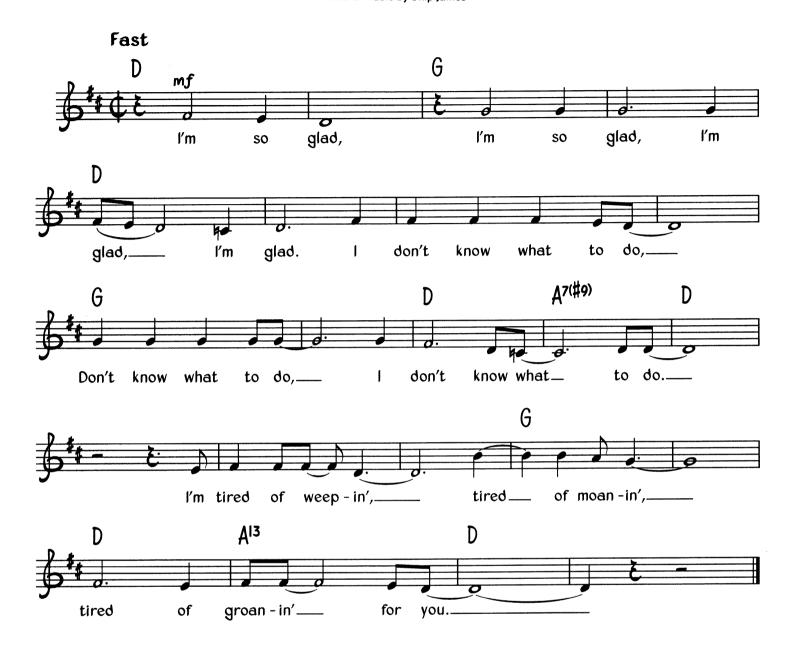
I'm a king bee, I want you to be my queen. (Twice) When we get together, make honey the world ain't seen.

Verse 4

I'm a king bee, buzzin' all night long. (Twice)
I can make plenty honey, when your man is not at home.

I'm So Glad

Words & Music by Skip James



Verse2

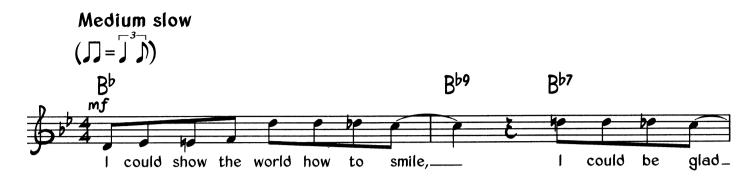
I'm so tired of moanin', tired of groanin', tired of longin' for you. I'm so glad, and I am so glad. I am glad, I'm glad. I don't know what to do, know what to do. I don't know what to do. I'm so tired, and I am tired. I am tired.

Verse 3

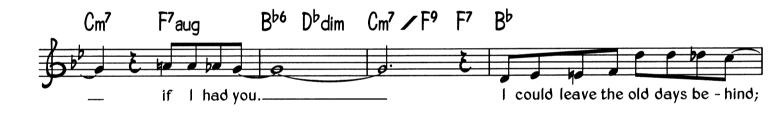
And I'm so glad, I am glad, I am glad, I'm glad.
I don't know what to do, know what to do. I don't know what to do.
I'm tired of weepin', tired of moanin', tired of groanin' for you.
I'm so glad, and I am glad. I'm glad, I'm glad.
I don't know what to do, know what to do. Don't know what to do.

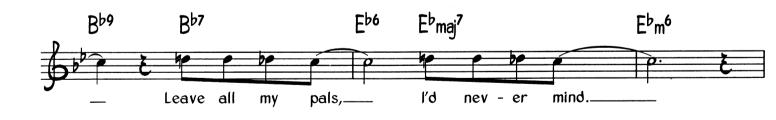
If I Had You

Words & Music by Ted Shapiro, Jimmy Campbell & Reg Connelly



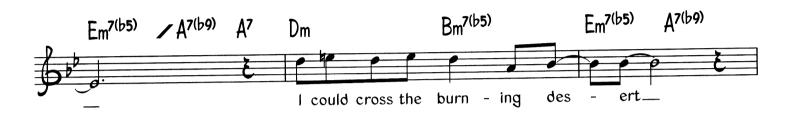




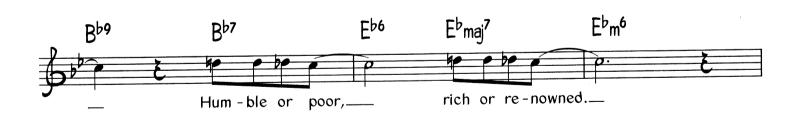


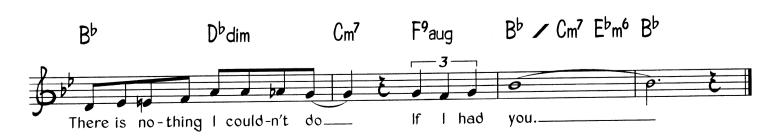












In A Sentimental Mood



In The Heat Of The Night

Words by Marilyn & Alan Bergman ★ Music by Quincy Jones











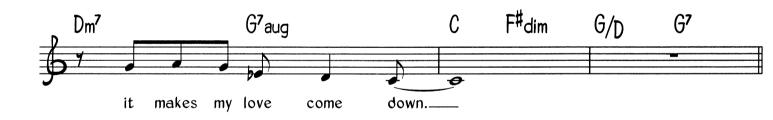
It Makes My Love Come Down

Words & Music by Bessie Smith



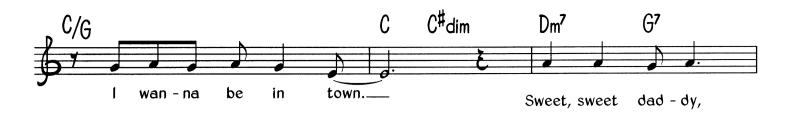


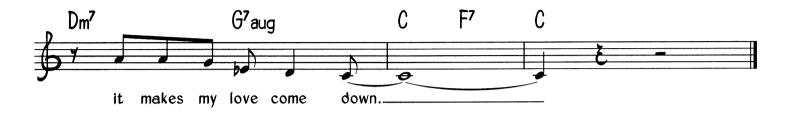












Verse 2

Wild about my toodle-oh; when I gets my toodle-oh, It makes my love come down, want every pound. Hear me cryin', it makes my love come down. Likes my coffee, likes my tea; daffy about my stingeree. It makes my love come down, I wanna be around. Oh, sweet papa, it makes my love come down.

Verse 3

If you want to hear me rave, honey, give me what I crave. It makes my love come down, actin' like a clown. Can't help from braggin', it makes my love come down. Come on and be my desert sheik, you're so strong and I'm so weak. It makes my love come down, to be love-land bound. Red hot papa, it makes my love come down.

Verse 4

If you want me for your own, kiss me nice and leave me alone. It makes my love come down, it makes my love come down. Take me bye-bye, it makes my love come down. When you take me for a ride, when I'm close up by your side, It makes my love come down, ridin' all around. Easy ridin' makes my love come down.

It Could Happen To You

Music by Jimmy Van Heusen ★ Words by Johnny Burke



It's Only A Paper Moon

Music by Harold Arlen ★ Words by E. Y. Harburg & Billy Rose

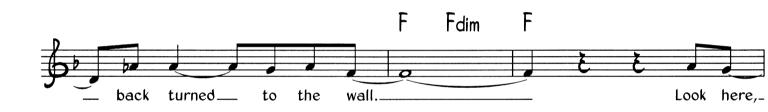


Jailhouse Blues

Words & Music by Bessie Smith & Clarence Williams









Verse 2

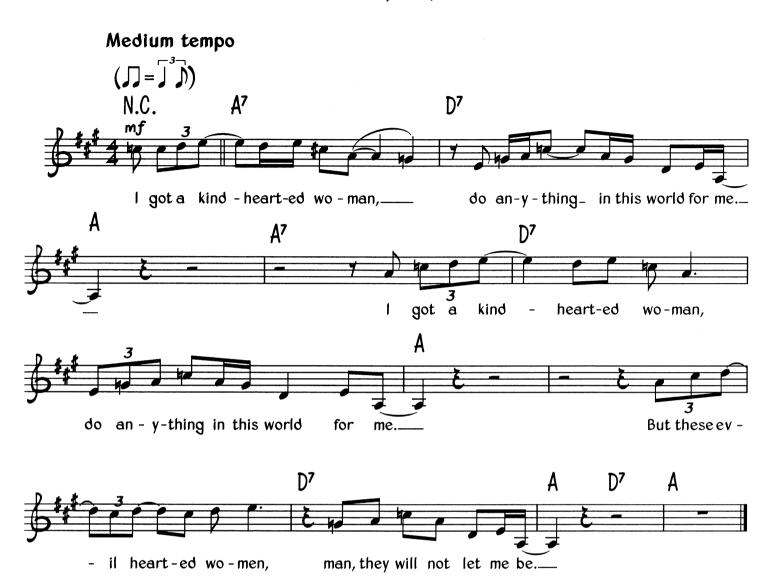
I don't mind jail, but I got to stay there so long, so long. (Twice) Well, every friend I had has done shook hands and gone.

Verse3

Good morning blues, blues how do you do? How do you do? Good morning blues, blues how do you do? Well, Ljust come here to have a few words with you.

Kindhearted Woman Blues

Words & Music by Robert Johnson



Verse 2

I love my baby, my baby don't love me. (Twice)
But I really love that woman, can't stand to let her be.

Verse 3

Ain't but one thing, make Mr. Johnson drink; I's worried 'bout how you treat me, baby, I begin to think. Oh, babe, my life don't feel the same; You break my heart, when you call Mr. So and so's name.

Verse 4

She's a kindhearted woman, she studies evil all the time. (Twice) You well's to kill me, as to have it on your mind.

Lazy River

Words & Music by Hoagy Carmichael & Sidney Arodin













Lazybones

Words & Music by Johnny Mercer & Hoagy Carmichael

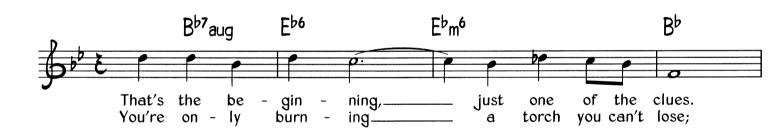


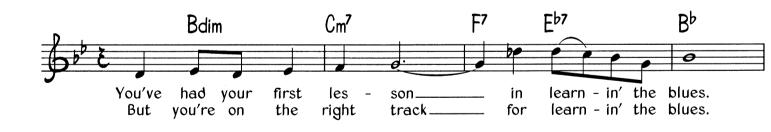
Learnin' The Blues

Words & Music by Dolores Vicki Silvers











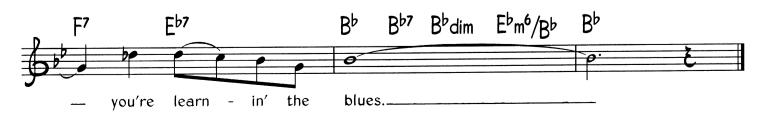












Lean Baby

Words by Roy Alfred ★ Music by Billy May



Lemon Drop

By George Wallington



Li'l Darlin'

By Neal Hefti

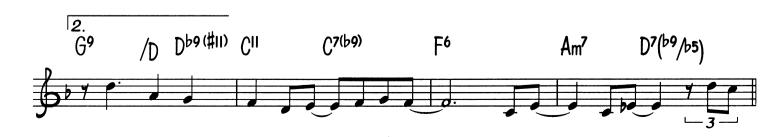
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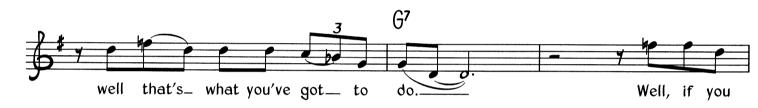
Life Is Like That

Words & Music by Peter Chatman Arranged & Adapted by Alan Lomax











Verse 2

Sometimes you'll be held up, sometimes held down; Well, sometimes your best friends don't even want you around. You know Life is like that, etc.

Verse 3

There's some things you got to keep, some things you got to repeat; People, happiness is never complete. You know Life is like that etc.

Verse 4

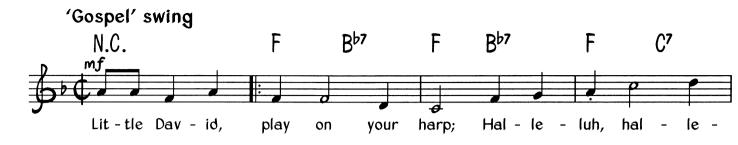
Sometimes you'll be helpless, sometime you'll be restless; Well, keep on strugglin' so long as you're not breathless. Life is like that etc.

Limehouse Blues

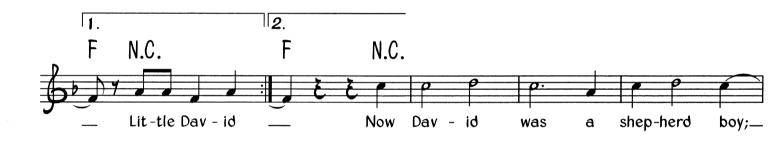


Little David Play On Your Harp

Traditiona













Little Queen Of Spades

Words & Music by Robert Johnson



Verse 2

I'm gon' get me a gamblin' woman, if it's the last thing that I do. (Twice)
Well, a man don't need a woman, hoo fair brown, that he got to give all his money to.

Verse 3

Everybody say she got a mojo, now she's been using that stuff. (Twice) But she got a way of trimmin' down, hoo fair brown, and I mean it's most too tough.

Verse 4

Now, little girl, since I am the king, baby, and you is a queen. (Twice) Let us put our heads together, hoo fair brown, then we can make our money green.

Little Red Rooster

Words & Music by Willie Dixon



Verse 2

The dogs begin to bark and the hounds begin to howl. (Twice)
Oh, watch out strange kin people, the little red rooster is on the prowl.

Verse 3

If you see my little red rooster, please drive him home. (*Twice*) There's been no peace in the barnyard since my little red rooster's been gone.

Long Gone Lonesome Blues



Love In Vain

Words & Music by Robert Johnson











Verse 2

When the train rolled up to the station, I looked her in the eye. (*Twice*) Well, I was lonesome, I felt so lonesome, and I could not help but cry. All my love's in vain.

Verse 3

When the train it left the station, with two lights on behind, (Twice) Well, the blue light was my blues, and the red light was my mind. All my love's in vain.

Love Is Blue (L'Amour Est Bleu)

Music by Andre Popp ★ Original Words by Pierre Cour ★ English Lyric by Bryan Blackburn





Lover Man (Oh Where Can You Be)



Lush Life

Words & Music by Billy Strayhorn





Low Down Blues

Words & Music by Hank Williams



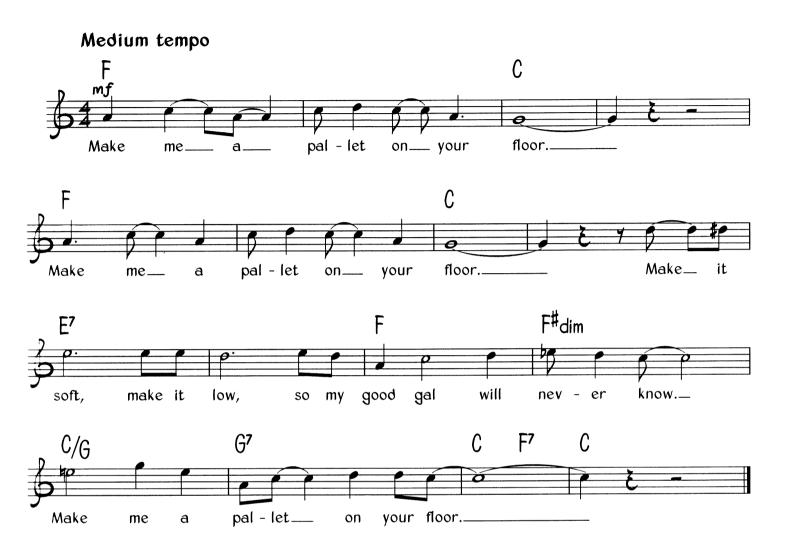
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in' me, I mean them Low Down___ Blues.__ 2. Lord, I

kill

Make Me A Pallet On Your Floor

Traditional



Verse 2
I'd be more than satisfied,
If I could reach that train and ride.
If I reach Atlanta with no place to go,
Make me a pallet on your floor.

Verse 3
Gonna give everybody my regards,
Even if I have to ride the rods.
If I reach Atlanta with no place to go,
Make me a pallet on your floor.

Mad About Him, Sad Without Him, How Can I Be Glad Without Him Blues

Words & Music by Larry Markes & Dick Charles Medium swing C N.C m,f I went to last eve - nin', feel - in' blue I could bed be. C^7 F7 C I could-n't sleep last eve-nin', with what was wor - ry-in' me.. F9 G7 G7 C F7 wast-ed would sure-ly fill the deep Oh, the tears ľve sea. G7 C I've gotthosecry a-bout him, die with-out him Lor-dy where am I with-out (;7 F7 blues.. walk - in' on the floor, and like a fool He keepsme lask for G7 Al-tho' I know he is-n't good, I would-n't leave him if I could, ah no!_ more._ C C/Bb Adim Fm6/Ab C/G C I'm not the first on his list,_ I'd nev-er be missed,_ !

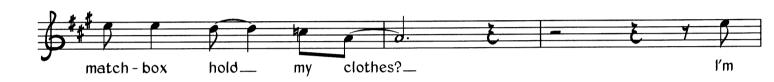


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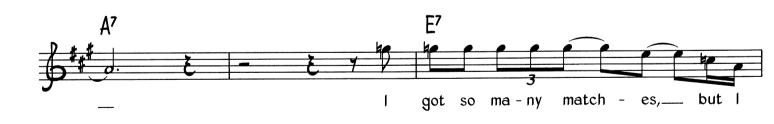
Words & Music by Blind Lemon Jefferson

Medium tempo











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Mean And Evil

Words & Music by Elmore James & Joe Josea











Verse 2

When we lived in a small town, you was nice and neat. (Twice) I brought you to Chicago, you do nothin' but walk the street.

Verse 3'

Well, she used to cook my breakfast and bring it to my bed. She used to wash my face and even comb my hair. She's so evil I don't know what to do. You treat me so low and dirty, And I can't get along without you.

Mean Old Bed Bug Blues

Words & Music by Jack Wood









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Verse 2

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When I lay down at night, I wonder how can a poor gal sleep, (Twice) When some is holding my hand, others eating my feet.

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Verse 3

Bed bug as big as a jackass will bite you and stand and grin. (Twice) They'll drink all they can, and then turn around and bite you again.

Verse 4

Something moan in the corner, I went over and see. (Twice) It was the bed bug a-prayin': "Lord, gimme some more cheese."

Mean To Me

Words & Music by Roy Turk & Fred E. Ahlert



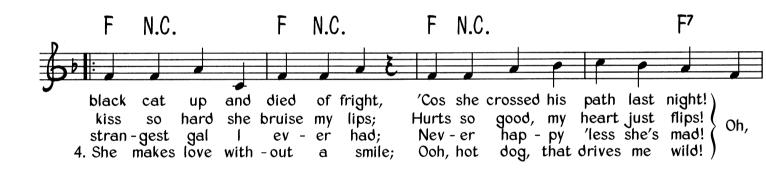
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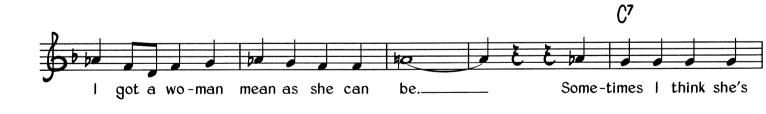
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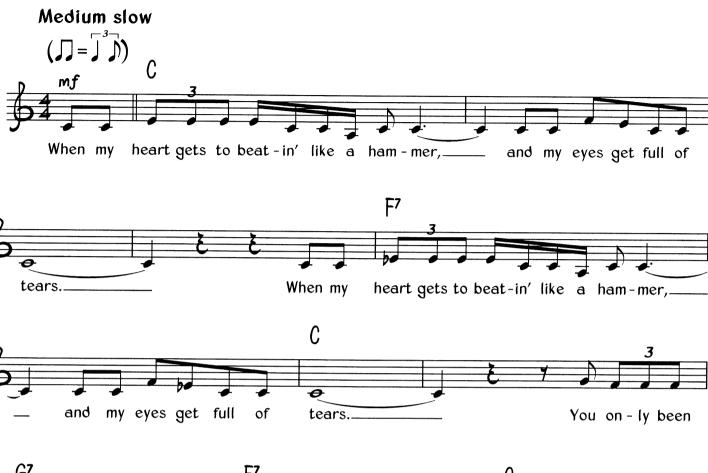






Million Years Blues (a.k.a. When My Heart Beats Like A Hammer)

Words & Music by John Lee Williamson





Verse 2

If I ever mistreat you, darlin'; God knows I never meant no harm. (Twice) You know I'm just a little country boy, that raised down on the farm.

Verse 3

You give me so much trouble, I don't know what to do. (Twice) I ain't got nothing now, and it's all on account of you.

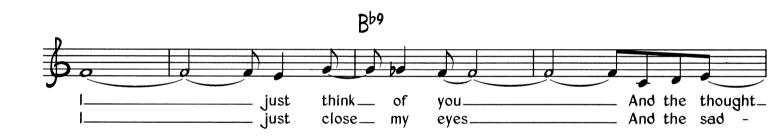
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Original Words by Newton Mendonca ★ English Lyric by Norman Gimbel ★ Music by Antonio Carlos Jobim

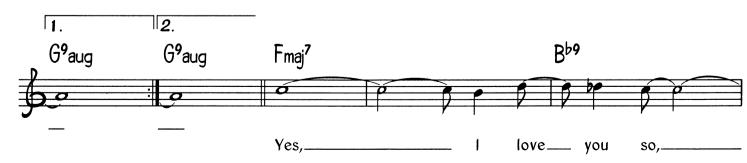
Medium Bossa nova





















Memphis Blues

Words & Music by W. C. Handy









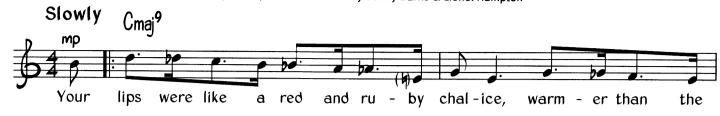






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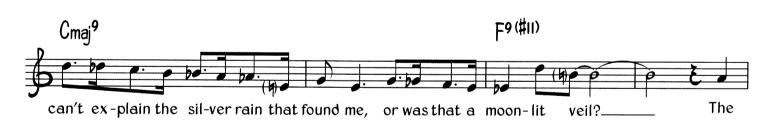
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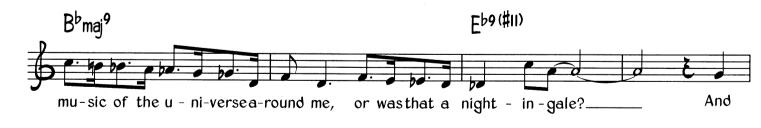




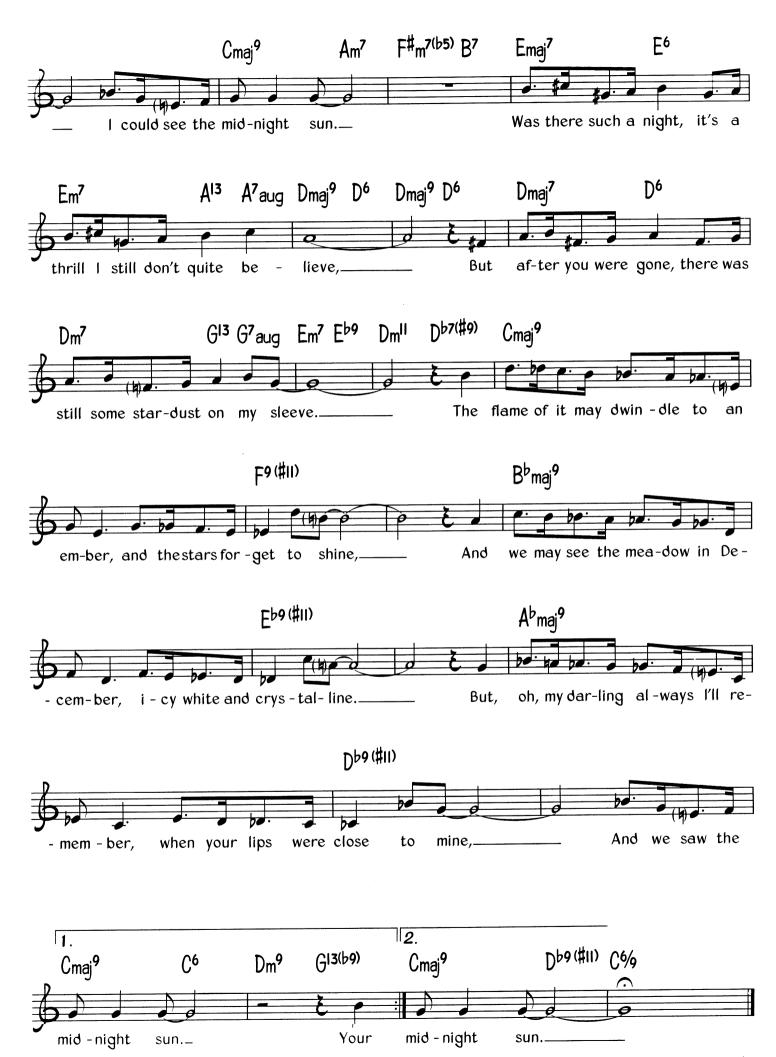












Mind Your Own Business

Words & Music by Hank Williams











Verse 2

Oh, the woman on the party line's a nosey thing; She picks up the receiver when she knows it's my ring. Chorus

Verse 3

I got a little gal that wears her hair up high; The boys all whistle when she walks by. *Chorus*

Verse 4

Well, if I want to honky tonk around till two or three, Now brother, that's my headache, don't you worry 'bout me. Chorus

Verse 5

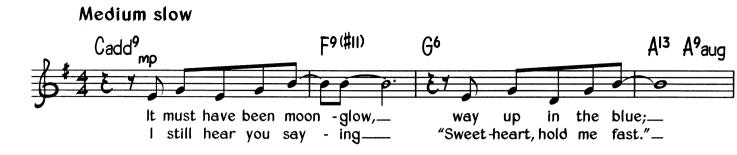
Minding other people's business seems to be high-toned; I got all that I can do just to mind my own. Chorus

Misty



Moonglow

Words & Music by Will Hudson, Eddie de Lange & Irving Mills

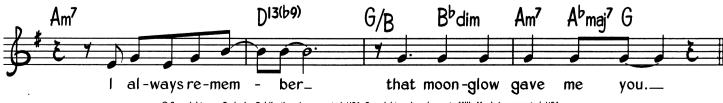












Moonlight Becomes You



More Than You Know

Words & Music by William Rose & Edward Eliscu ★ Music by Vincent Youmans



















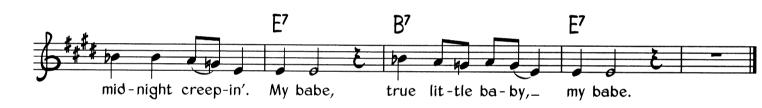


Medium fast









Verse 2

My babe, I know she love me, my babe. (Twice) Oh yeah, I know she love me. She don't do nothin' but kiss and hug me. My babe, true little baby, my babe.

Verse 3

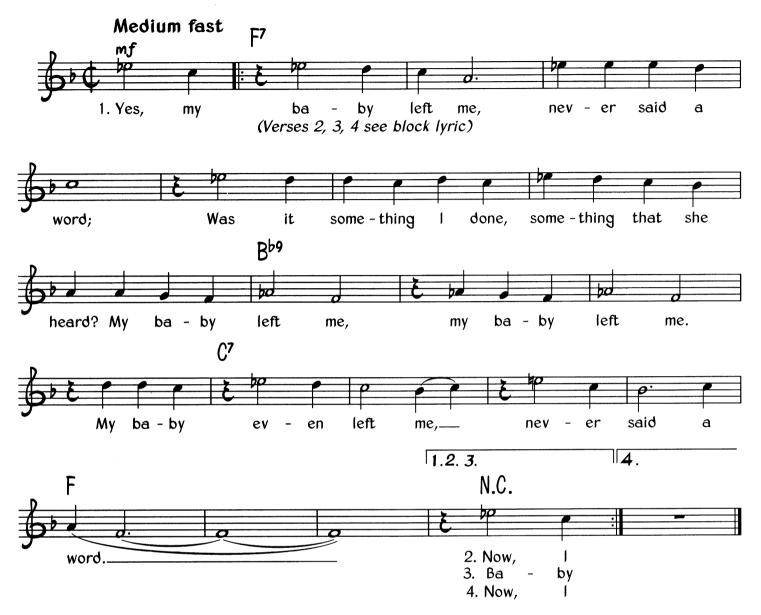
My babe, she don't stand no cheatin', my babe. (Twice) Oh no, she don't stand no cheatin'. Everything she do, she do so pleasin'. My babe, true little baby, my babe.

Verse 4

My baby don't stand no foolin', my babe. (Twice)
My baby don't stand no foolin'.
When she's hot there ain't no coolin'
My babe, true little baby, my babe.

My Baby Left Me

Words & Music by Arthur Crudup



Verse 2

Now I stand at my window, wring my hands and cry. I hate to lose that woman, hate to say goodbye. You know she left me; yes, she left me. My baby even left me, never said a word.

Verse 3

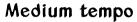
Baby, one of these mornings, Lord, it won't be long, You'll look for me, baby, and Daddy he'll be gone. You know you left me, you know you left me. My baby even left me, never said goodbye.

Verse 4

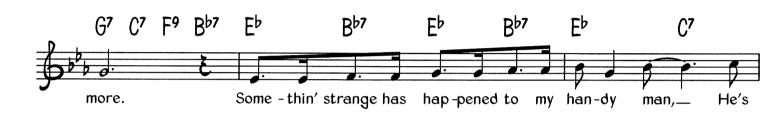
Now I stand at my window, wring my hands and moan. All I know is that the one I love is gone. My baby left me, you know she left me. My baby even left me, never said a word.

My Handy Man Ain't Handy Any More

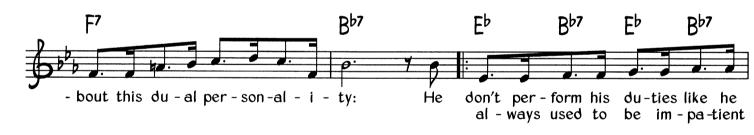
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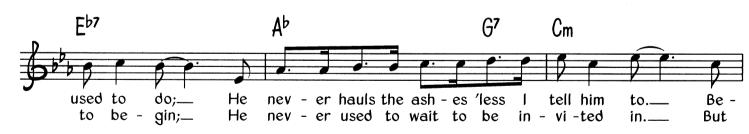


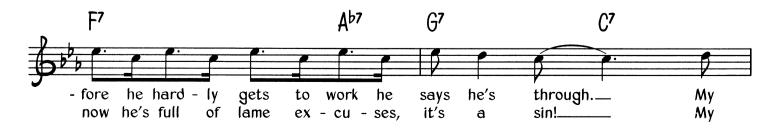














Verse 2

Time after time, if I'm not right there at his heels, He lets that poor horse in my stable miss his meals. There's got to be some changes, 'cos each day reveals My handy man ain't handy no more.

He used to turn in early and get up at dawn, And, full of new ambitions, he would trim the lawn. Now, when he isn't sleeping, all he does is yawn! My handy man ain't handy no more.

Bridge

Once he used to have so much endurance; Now it looks like he needs life insurance.

I used to brag about my handy man's technique; Around the house he was a perfect indoor sheik. but now the spirit's willing but the flesh is weak! My handy man ain't handy no more.

My Creole Belle

Words & Music by J. Bodewalte Lampe



Verse 2

My Creole belle, I love her well; I love her more 'n anyone can tell. My Creole belle, I love her well; My darlin' baby, my Creole belle.

Verse 3

When the stars are shining, I'll call her mine; My darlin' baby, my Creole belle. My Creole belle, I love her well; My darlin' baby, my Creole belle.

Mystery Train

Words & Music by Sam C. Phillips & Herman Parker Jr









Verse 2

Mystery train, rolling down the track. (Twice) Well, it took my baby and it won't be coming back.

Verse 3

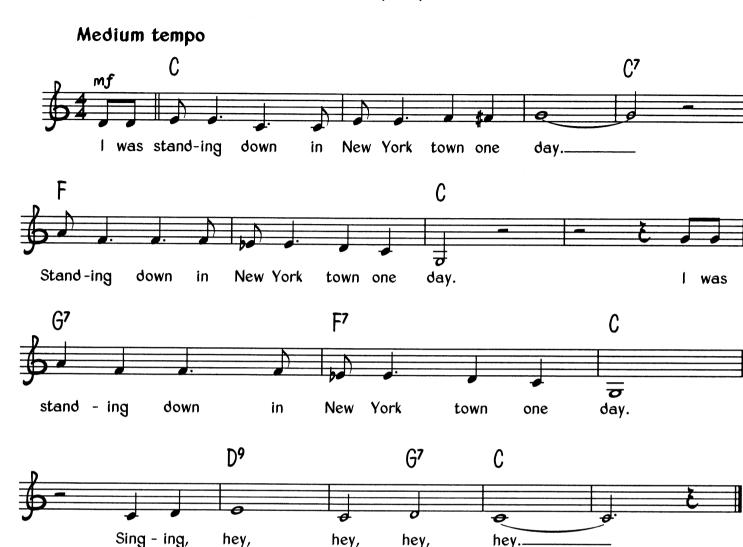
Train, train, rolling 'round the bend. (Twice) Well, it took my baby, won't be back again.

Verse 4

Train I ride, is sixteen coaches long. (Twice) Well, that long black train take my baby and gone.

New York Town

Words & Music by Woody Guthrie



Verse 2

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I was broke, I didn't have a dime. (Three times) Every good man gets a little hard luck sometime.

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Verse 4

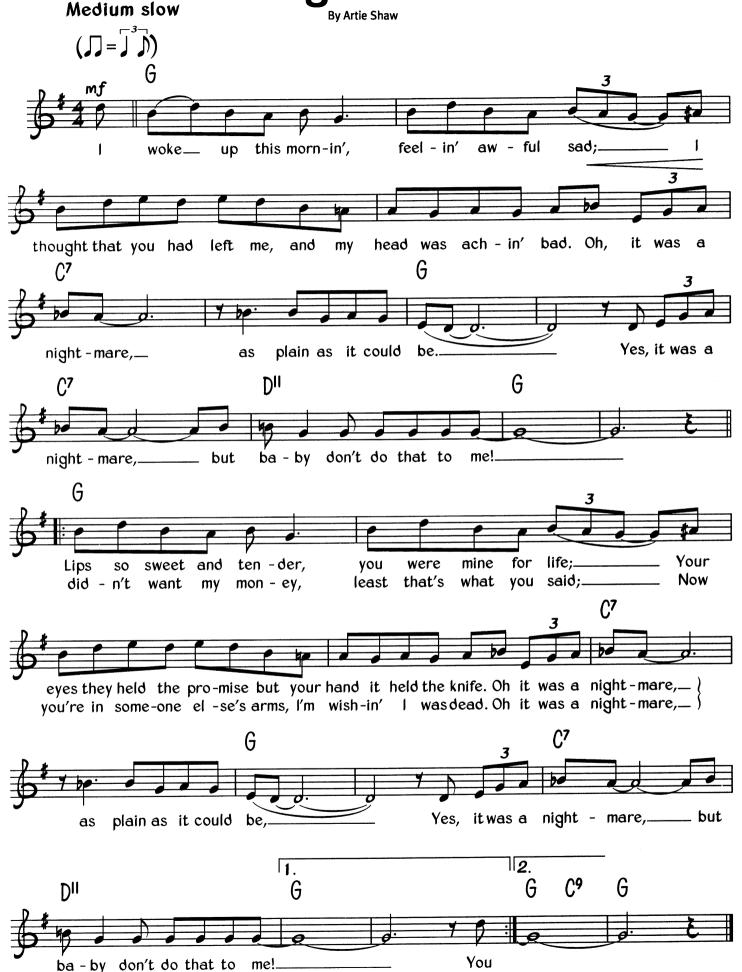
Down and out and he ain't got a dime. (Three times) I'm gonna ride that new mornin' railroad train.

Holdin' my last dollar in my hand. (Three times) Looking for a woman that's looking for a man.

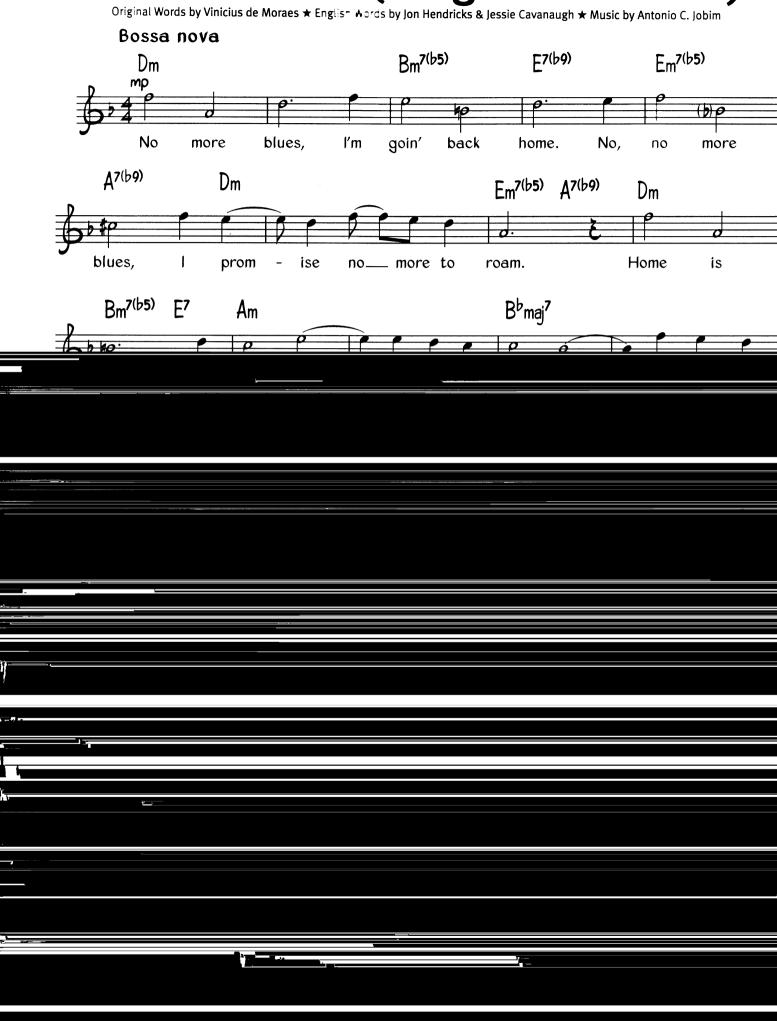
Verse 5

If you don't want me, just please leave me be. (Three times) I can buy more lovers than the Civil War set free.

Nightmare



No More Blues (Chega De Saudade)





No Matter How She Done It

Words & Music by Hudson Whittaker











Verse 2

The women don't like her, they call her Ida Mae, But the way the men love her is a cryin' shame. No matter how she done it, etc.

Verse 3

She shakes all over when she walks. She made a blind man see, and a dumb man talk. No matter how she done it, etc.

Verse 4

The copper brought her in, she didn't need no bail. She shook it for the judge, and put the cop in jail. No matter how she done it, etc.

No More Lovers

Words & Music by Arthur Crudup

Medium tempo







Verse 2 I was in love with you baby, you was in love with someone else. (Twice) You know darn well that I loved you, and wanted you for myself.

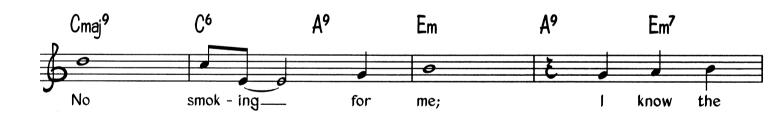
Verse 3 I even tried to love you when I knew you was untrue. (Twice) You went away and left me, I'll find someone who is true.

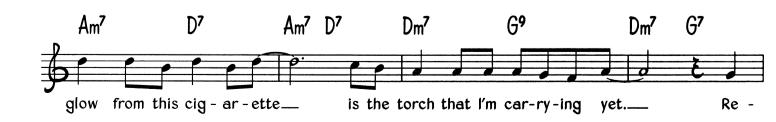
No Smoking

By Duke Ellington

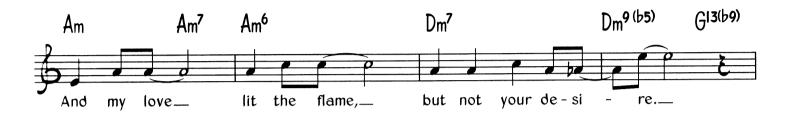




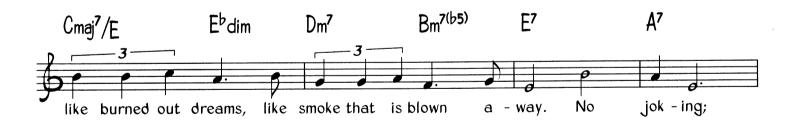














Nobody Knows You When You're Down And Out

Words & Music by Jimmie Cox























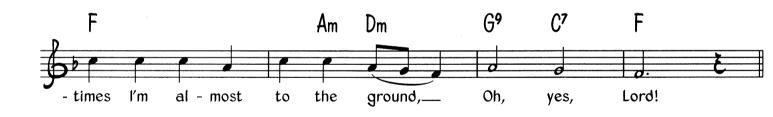
Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen

Traditional







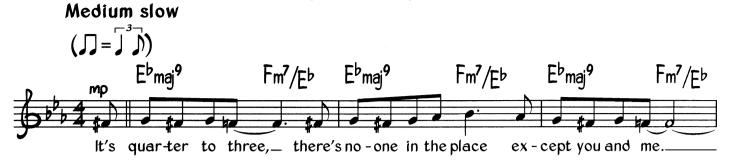






One For My Baby (And One More For The Road)

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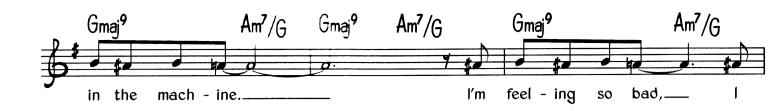












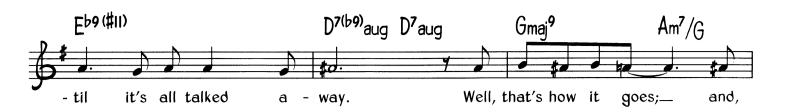




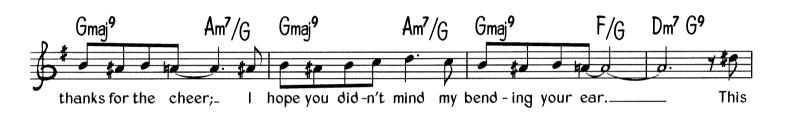












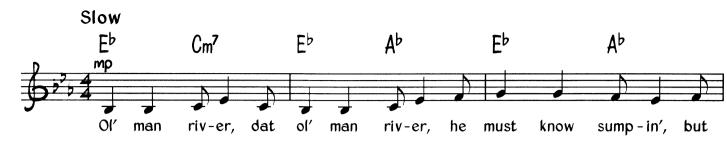




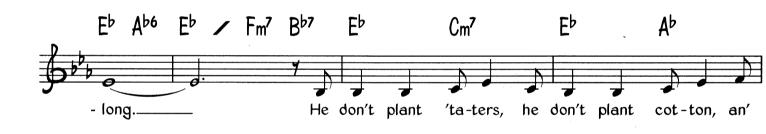


Ol' Man River

Music by Jerome Kern ★ Words by Oscar Hammerstein II



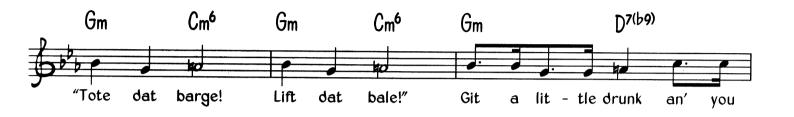




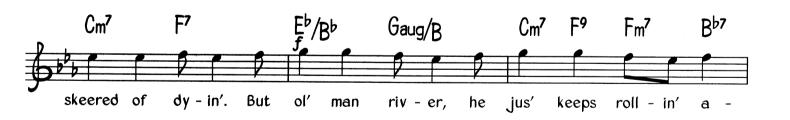


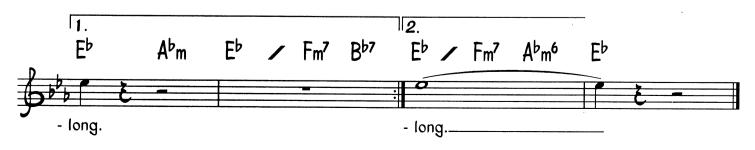








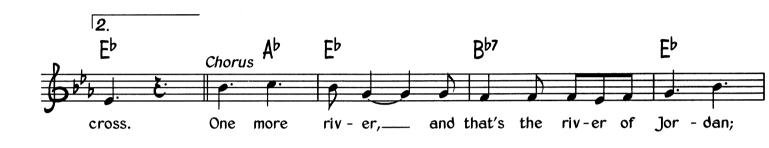




One More River

Traditional







The animals went in one by one. . . The elephant chewing a caraway bun. . .

The animals went in two by two. . .

The rhinoceros and the kangaroo. . .

The animals went in three by three. . . The bear, the flea and the bumble bee. . .

The animals went in four by four. . . Old Noah got mad and hollered for more. . .

The animals went in five by five. . . Leapin' and dancin' and doin' the jive. . .

The animals went in six by six. . . The hyena laughed at the monkey's tricks. . . Till the old Ark bumped on Ararat. . .

The animals went in seven by seven. . . Said the ant to the elephant, "Who are you shovin'?"

The animals went in eight by eight. . . They came with a rush 'cos it was late. . .

The animals went in nine by nine. . . Old Noah shouted, "Cut that line!"

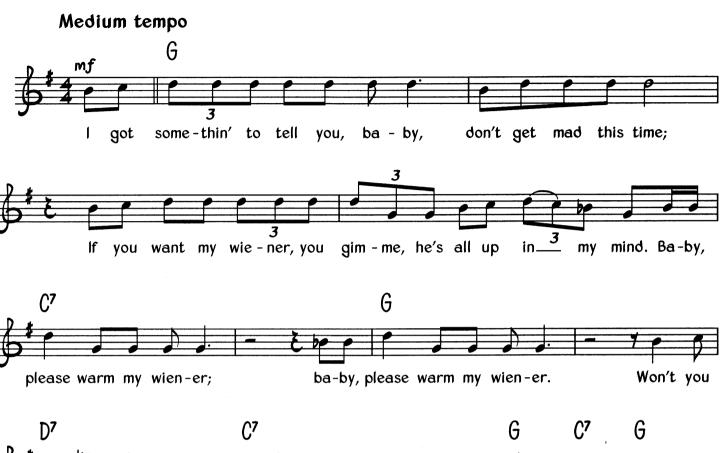
The animals went in ten by ten. . . The Ark she blew her whistle then. . .

And then the voyage did begin. . . Old Noah pulled the gang-plank in. . .

They never knew where they were at. . .

Please Warm My Wiener

Words & Music by Bo Chatmon





Verse 2
Now listen here, sweet baby, I ain't no lyin' man;
If you warm my wiener one time you'll want to warm him again.
Baby, please warm my wiener; oh, warm my wiener.
Won't you just warm my wiener, 'cos he really don't feel right cold.

Verse 3

Says some say to take hot water, baby can't you see; But your heat, baby, is plenty warm enough for me. Baby, please warm my wiener; please warm my wiener. Won't you just warm my wiener, 'cos he really don't feel right cold.

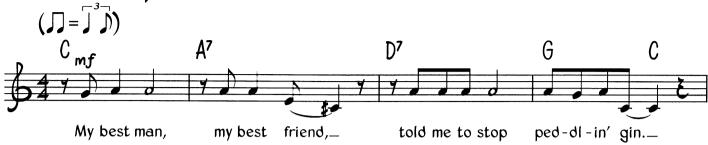
Verse 4

Now listen here, sweet baby, you know that time is growing old; I don't want you to warm half of my wiener, I want you to warm him all. Baby, please warm my wiener; baby, please warm my wiener. Won't you warm my wiener, 'cos he really don't feel right cold.

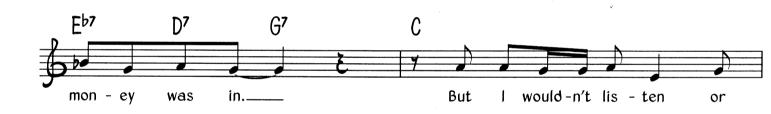
Pickpocket Blues

Words & Music by Bessie Smith























Prelude To A Kiss

Words & Music by Duke Ellington, Irving Gordon & Irving Mills

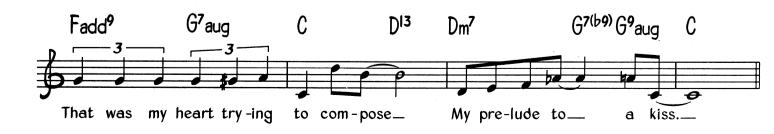
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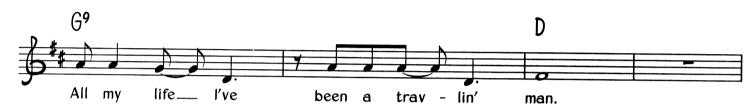


Police Dog Blues

Words & Music by Arthur Phelps

Medium tempo







Verse 2

I shipped my trunk down to Tennessee. (Twice) Hard to tell about a man like me.

Verse 3

I met a gal, I couldn't get her off my mind. (Twice) she passed me up, said she didn't like my kind.

Verse 4

I'm scared to bother around her house at night. (Twice) She got a police dog cravin' for a fight.

Verse 5

His name is Rambler, when he gets a chance, (Twice) He leaves his mark on everybody's pants.

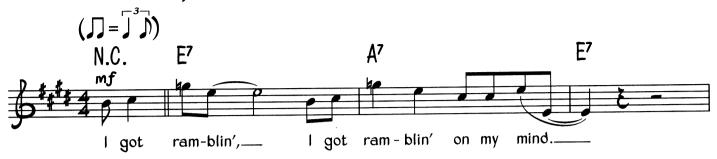
Verse 6

Guess I'll travel, I guess I'll let her be. (Twice) Before she sticks her police dog on me.

Ramblin' On My Mind

Words & Music by Robert Johnson

Medium tempo







Verse 2

I got mean things, I got mean things all on my mind. (Twice) Hate to leave you here, babe, but you treat me so unkind.

Verse 3

Runnin' down to the station, catch the first mail train I see. (Twice)
I got the blues about Miss So-and-so, and the child's got the blues about me.

Verse 4

I'm leaving this morning with my arms fold up and cryin'. (Twice) I hate to leave my baby, but she treats me so unkind.

Quiet Nights Of Quiet Stars (Corcovado)

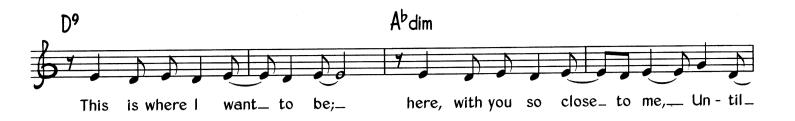
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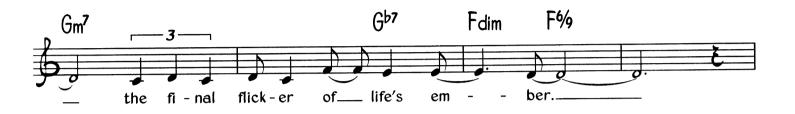




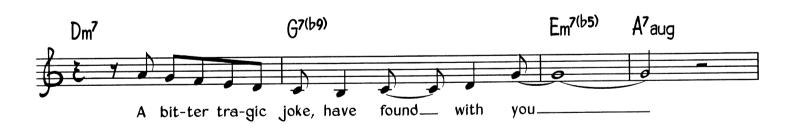














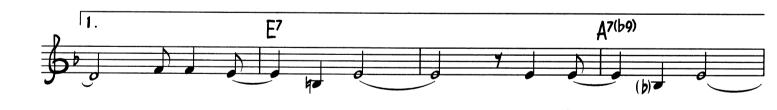
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Words & Music by Djalma Ferreira & Luiz Antonio









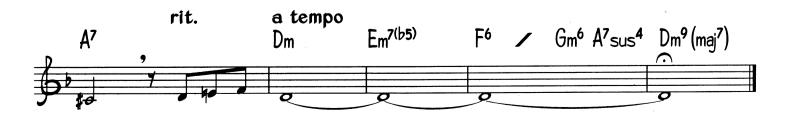












Richlands Woman Blues

Words & Music by Mississippi John Hurt









Verse 2
Come along young man, everything settin' right;
My husbands goin' away till next Saturday night.
Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' your horn;
If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone.

Verse 3

Now I'm raring to go, got red shoes on my feet, My mind is sittin' right for a Tin Lizzie seat. Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' your horn; If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone.

Verse 4

The red rooster said, "Cockle-doodle-do-do."
The Richlands' woman said, "Any dude will do."
Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' your horn;
If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone.

Verse 5

With rosy red garters, pink hose on my feet, Turkey red bloomer, with a rumble seat. Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' your horn; If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone.

Verse 6

Every Sunday mornin', church people watch me go, My wings sprouted out, and the preacher told me so. Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' your horn; If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone.

Verse 7

Dress skirt cut high, then they cut low; Don't think I'm a sport, keep on watchin' me go. Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' your horn; If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone.

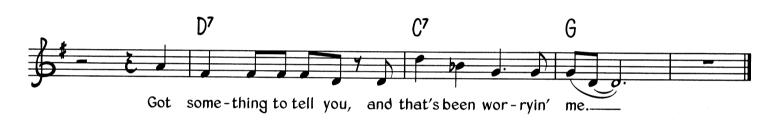
Roberta

Words & Music by Huddie Ledbetter Arranged & Adapted by John A. Lomax & Alan Lomax

Medium tempo







Verse 2

I went down to the river, I sat down on the ground. (Twice) I'm gonna stay right here, Lord, till Roberta comes down.

Verse 3

Oh, Roberta, tell me how long, how long? (Twice)
I'm gonna wait for you baby, I've gotta see you since you been gone.

Verse 4

Well, way up the river, just as far as I could see. (Twice) Lord, I thought I'd find my old time used to be.

Verse 5

She was a brownskin woman, she had black wavy hair. (Twice) And I can't subscibe her, anymore, anywhere.

Verse 6

I'm going to the station and talk to the chief of police. (Twice) Roberta done quit me, I can't see no peace.

Rockin' Chair

Words & Music by Hoagy Carmichael



San Francisco Bay Blues

₩ords & Music by Jesse Fuller



















Verse 2 Sitting down by my back door, wondering which way to go; Woman I'm so crazy about, she don't love me no more. Think I'll take me a freight train, 'cos I'm feeling blue; Ride all the way till the end of the line, thinking only of you.

Verse 3 Meanwhile, in another city, just about to go insane, Sound like I heard my baby, the way she used to call my name. If she ever come back to stay, it'll be another brand new day, Walking with my baby down by the San Francisco Bay.

Salty Dog





Verse 2

Little fish, big fish, swimming in the water. Come on back here, man, and give me my quarter. Salty dog, you salty dog. Chorus

Verse 3

God made the women and he made her mighty funny. Kiss 'em on the mouth, just as sweet as any honey. Salty dog, you salty dog. Chorus

See See Rider

Words & Music by Gertrude 'Ma' Rainey



Serenade In Blue

Words by Mack Gordon ★ Music by Harry Warren





When I hear that se-re-nade in blue, _____ I'm some-where in an-oth-er world_ a-





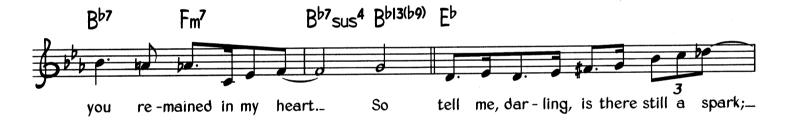












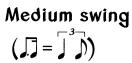




Seven Eleven

By Carpenter & Williams









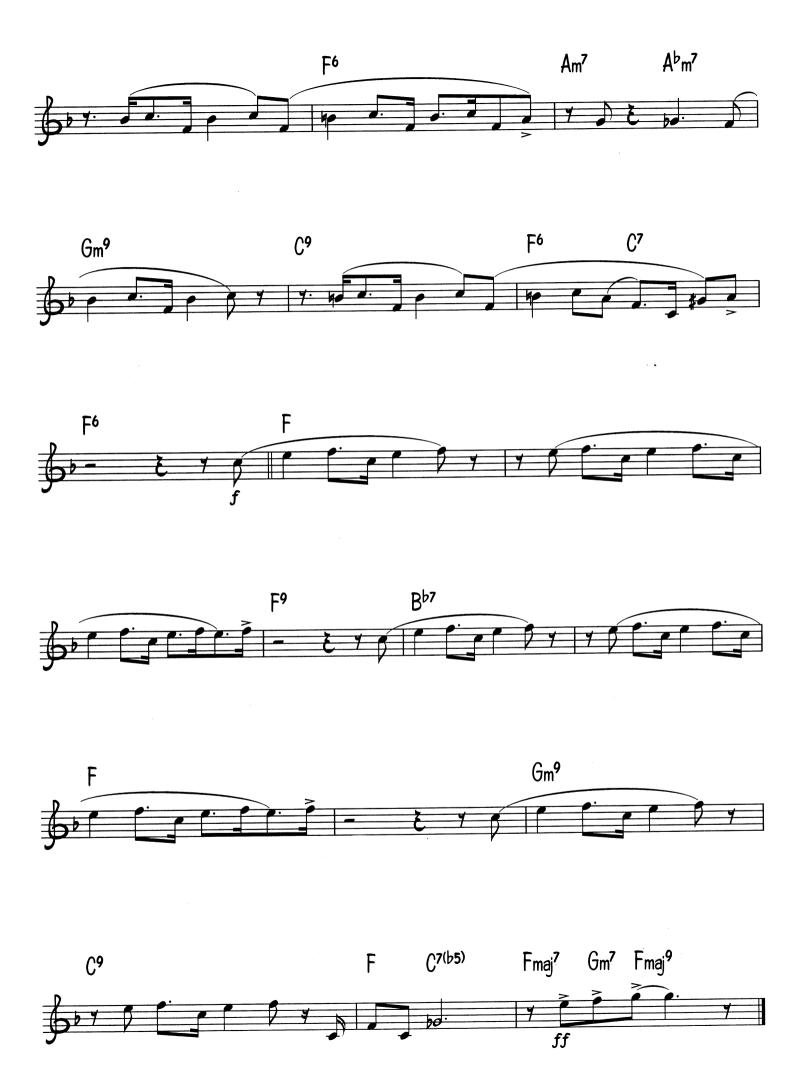










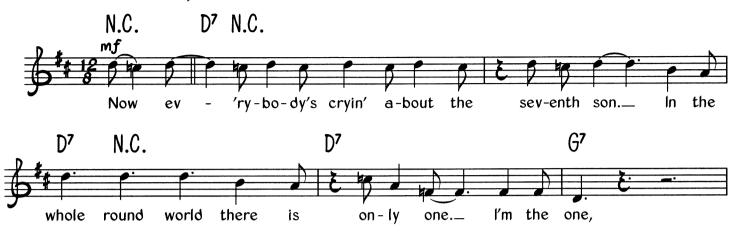




Seventh Son (Original Version)

Words & Music by Willie Dixon

Medium tempo







Verse 2

Now I can tell your future, before it comes to pass. I can do things for you, make your heart feel glad. I can look in the skies, and predict the rain. I can tell when a woman's got another man. I'm the one, etc.

Verse 3

I can hold you close and squeeze you tight.
I can make you grab for me, both day and night.
I can heal the sick, I can raise the dead.
I can make you, little girl, talk out of your head.
I'm the one, etc.

Verse 4

I can talk these words, and sound so sweet, And make your lovin' heart even skip a beat. I can take you, baby, hold you in my arms, And make the flesh quiver lovely forms. I'm the one, etc.

Seventh Son (Version 2)

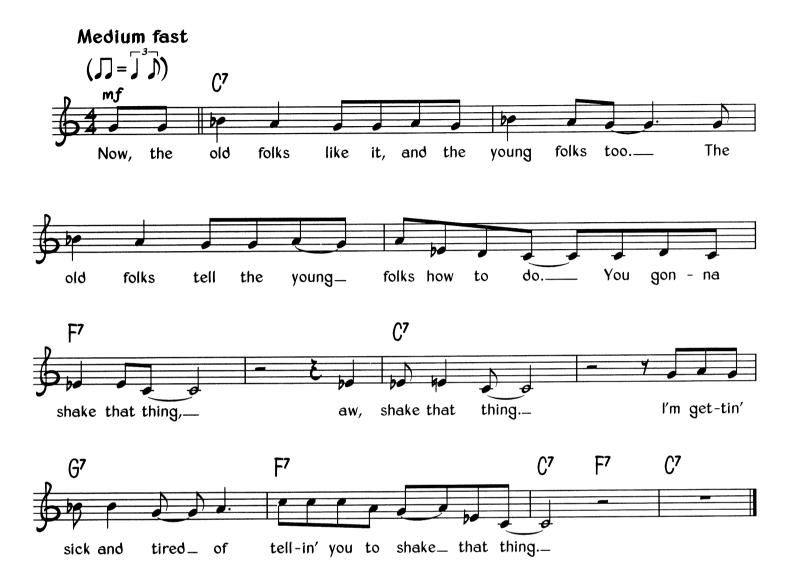


Verse 3

I can talk these words that will sound so sweet They will even make your little heart skip a beat; I can heal the sick and raise the dead; I can make little girls talk out their head. I'm the one, etc.

Shake That Thing

Traditional



Verse 2
Now, it ain't no Johnson, ain't no chicken wings.
All you do is to shake that thing.
Why don't you shake that thing, shake that thing?
I'm getting sick and tired of telling you to shake that thing.

Verse 3
I was walking downtown and stumbled and fell.
My mouth jumped open like a front wheel well.
Why don't you shake that thing, shake that thing?
I'm getting sick and tired of telling you to shake that thing.

Shake Your Money Maker

Words & Music by Elmore James



Love you, baby, tell you the reason why. (Twice) Every time you leave me, I want to lay down and die. Chorus

Verse 3

I got a baby, she lives up on the hill. (Twice) Says she gonna love me, but I don't think she will. Chorus

Verse 4
I got a gal and she just won't be true. (Twice)
She got to the place, won't do a thing I tell her to.
Chorus

She Ain't Nothing But Trouble

Words & Music by Arthur Crudup

Medium tempo







Verse 2

Darlin', you ain't nothin' in the world but trouble; I love you just the same. (Twice) I don't want my baby talkin' to another man.

Verse 3

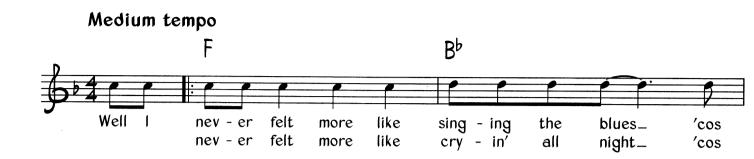
Take me, darlin', hold me in your arms. Love me, baby, love me all night long. You ain't nothin' in the world but trouble, wherever she may be.

Verse 4

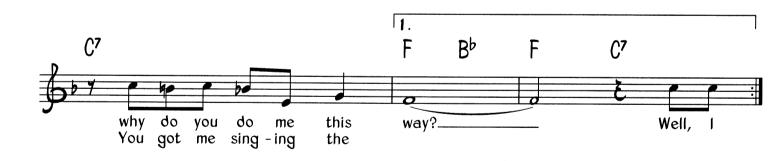
Now when the sun starts risin', Lord, I'm wringin' my hands and cryin'. (Twice) I love you, baby, I just can't get you off my mind.

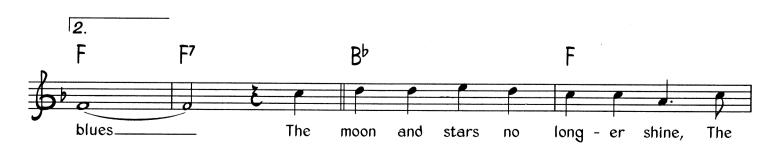
Singing The Blues

Words & Music by Melvin Endsley







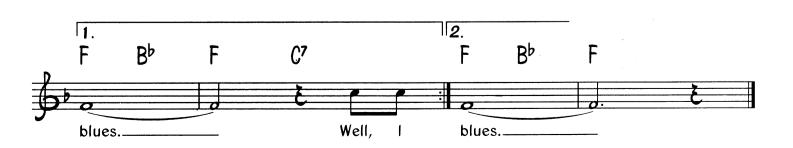












Silver City Bound

Words & Music by Huddie Ledbetter Arranged & Adapted by Alan Lomax



Verse 2
Catch me by the hand, aw, baby,
Blind Lemon was a blind man. He'd holler: (Twice)
Chorus

Verse 3
Catch me by the hand, aw, baby,
And lead me all throughout the land. (Twice)
Chorus

Smoke Gets In Your Eyes

Music by Jerome Kern ★ Words by Otto Harbach



So Blue

Music by Helen Crawford & Ray Henderson ★ Words by Lew Brown & Buddy De Sylva













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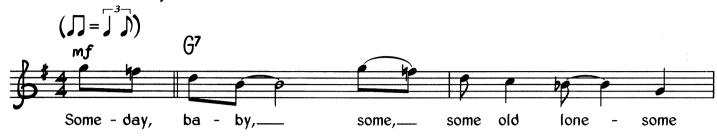
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Someday Words & Music by Arthur Crudup

Medium tempo









Verse 2

When I go in my room, I fall down on my knees and pray, (Twice) That I have someone to love me, and I wish that you were there.

Verse 3

I have found somebody, some woman that really cares for me. (Twice) I mean I found a woman who wants to be my honey bee.

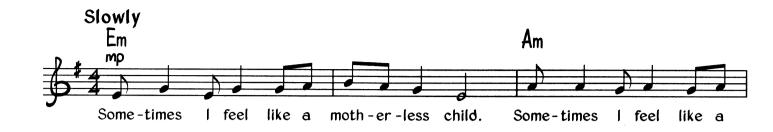
Someone To Watch Over Me

Music & Lyrics by George Gershwin & Ira Gershwin



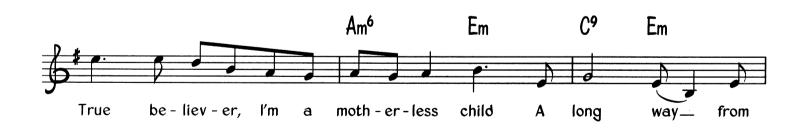
Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child

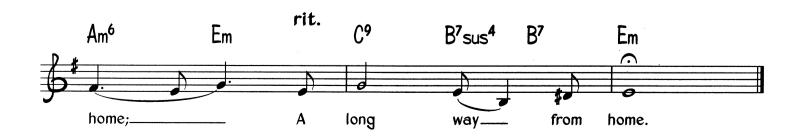
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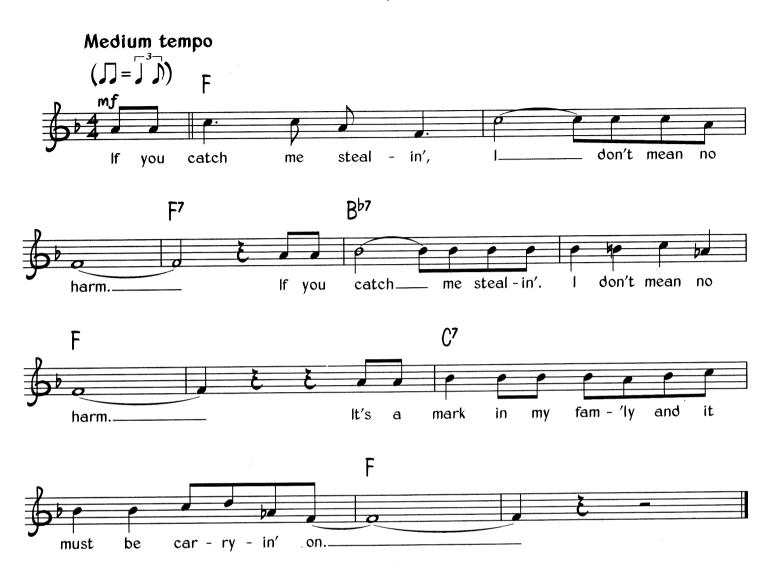






Sorrowful Blues

Words & Music by Bessie Smith



Verse 2 I got nineteen men and I won't want no mo'. (Twice) If I had one more, I'd let that nineteen go.

Verse 3 It's hard to love another woman's man. (Twice) Can't catch him when you want him, you got to catch him when you can.

Verse 4 Have you ever seen a preacher throw a sweet potato pie? (Twice) Just step in my backyard and taste a piece of mine.

Spoonful

Words & Music by Willie Dixon















Verse 2

It could be a spoonful of coffee, it could be a spoonful of tea; But a little spoon of your precious love is good enough for me.

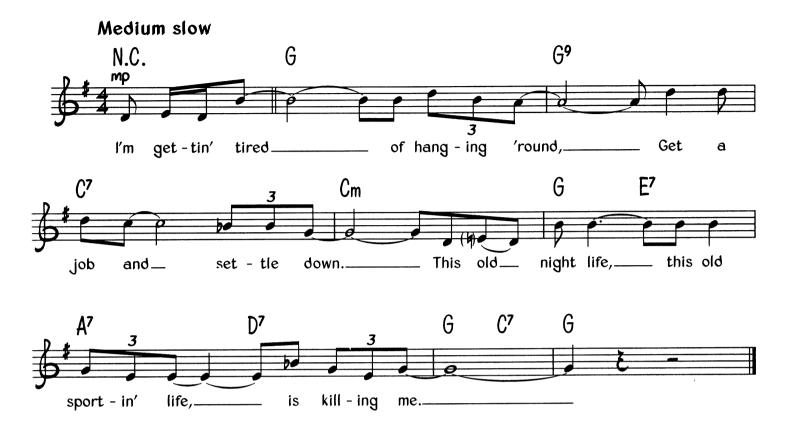
Men lies about that spoonful, Some of them dies about that spoonful, Some of them cries about that spoonful. But everybody fight about that spoonful; That spoon, that spoon, that spoonful.

Verse 3

It could be a spoonful of water, saved from the desert sand; But one spoon of luck from my little forty five save me from another man.

Sporting Life Blues

Traditional



Verse 2

I got a letter from my home; Most of my friends are dead and gone. This old night life, this old sportin' life, Is killing me.

Verse 2

There ain't but one thing that I've done wrong; Lived this sportin' life too long. This old night life, this sportin' life, Is killing me.

Verse 3

I've been a liar, and a cheater too; Spent all of my money and my booze on you. This old night life, this old sportin' life, Is killing me.

Verse 4

I'm getting tired of running around; I think I'll marry and settle down. This old night life, this old sportin' life, Is killing me.

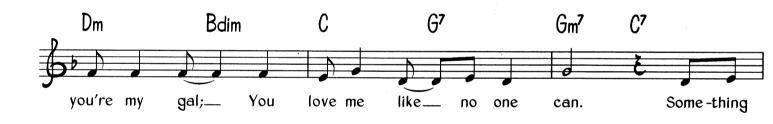
Squeeze Me

Words & Music by Clarence Williams & Thomas 'Fats' Waller

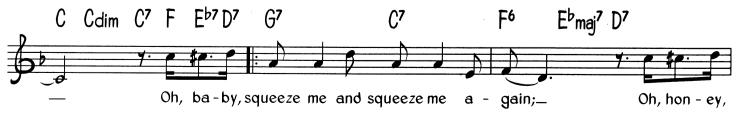
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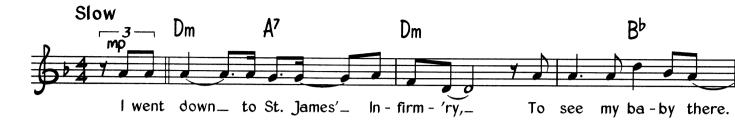






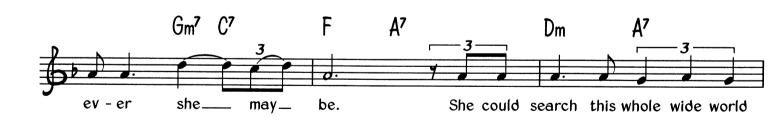
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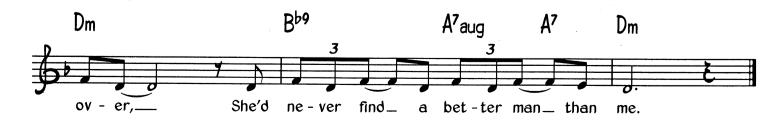
Words & Music by Joe Primrose











St. Louis Blues

Words & Music by W. C. Handy



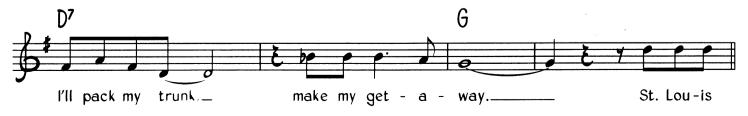










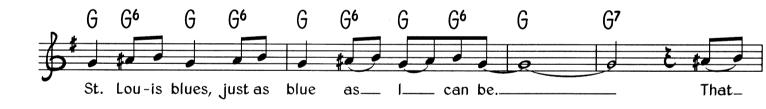


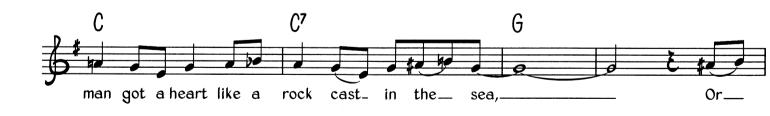














(See over for block lyrics)

Verse 2
Been to the Gypsy to get my fortune told;
To the Gypsy, to get my fortune told.
'Cos I'm most wild about my jelly roll.

Gypsy done told me: "Don't you wear no black." Yes she done told me: "Don't you wear no black; Go to St. Louis, you can win him back."

Help me to Cairo, make St. Louis by myself; Gone to Cairo, find my old friend Jeff. Goin' to pin myself close to his side; If I flag his train, I sure can ride.

I love that man like a schoolboy loves his pie; Like a Kentucky colonel loves his mint and rye. I'll love my baby till the day I die.

Verse 3
You ought to see that stovepipe brown of mine;
Like he owns the diamond Joseph line.
He'd make a cross-eyed old man go stone blind.

Blacker than midnight, teeth like flags of truce; Blackest man in the whole St. Louis. Blacker the berry, sweeter is the juice.

About a crap game, he knows a powerful lot; But when work time comes, he's on the dot. Goin' to ask him for a cold ten spot; What it takes to get it, he's certainly got.

A black-headed gal make a freight train jump the track; Said a black-headed gal make a freight train jump the track. But a red-headed woman makes a preacher ball the jack.

Stars Fell On Alabama



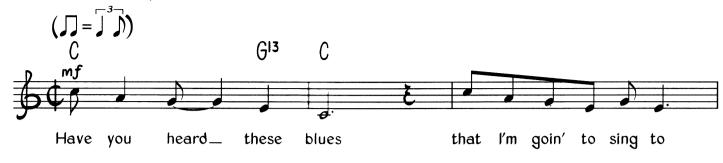
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Sugar Blues

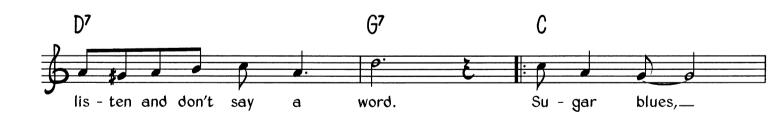
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Music by Clarence Williams ★ Words by Lucy Fletcher

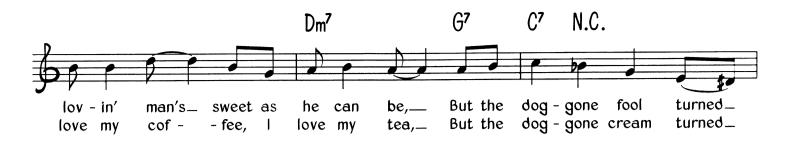








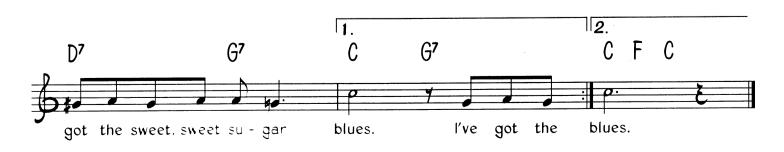












Summertime Blues

Words & Music by Eddie Cochran & Jerry Capehart

















Verse 2

A-well my 'n' Poppa told me "Son, you gotta make some money, If you wanna use the car to go a-ridin' next Sunday."

Well, I did'nt go to work, told the boss I was sick.

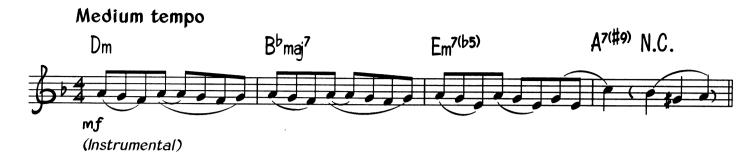
"Now you can't use the car 'cos you didn't work a lick."

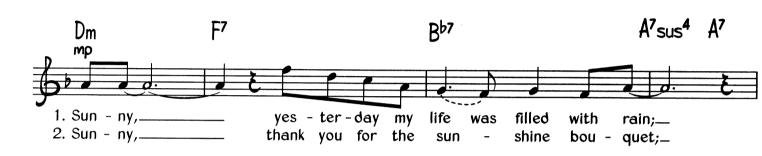
Sometimes I wonder, etc.

Verse 3

I'm gonna take two weeks, gonna have a fine vacation. Gonna take my problem to the United Nations. Well, I called my Congressman, and he said "Nope, I'd like to help you, son, but you're too young to vote." Sometimes I wonder, etc.

Sunny Words & Music by Bobby Hebb













Swingin' Shepherd Blues

Words by Rhoda Roberts & Kenny Jacobson ★ Music by Moe Koffman







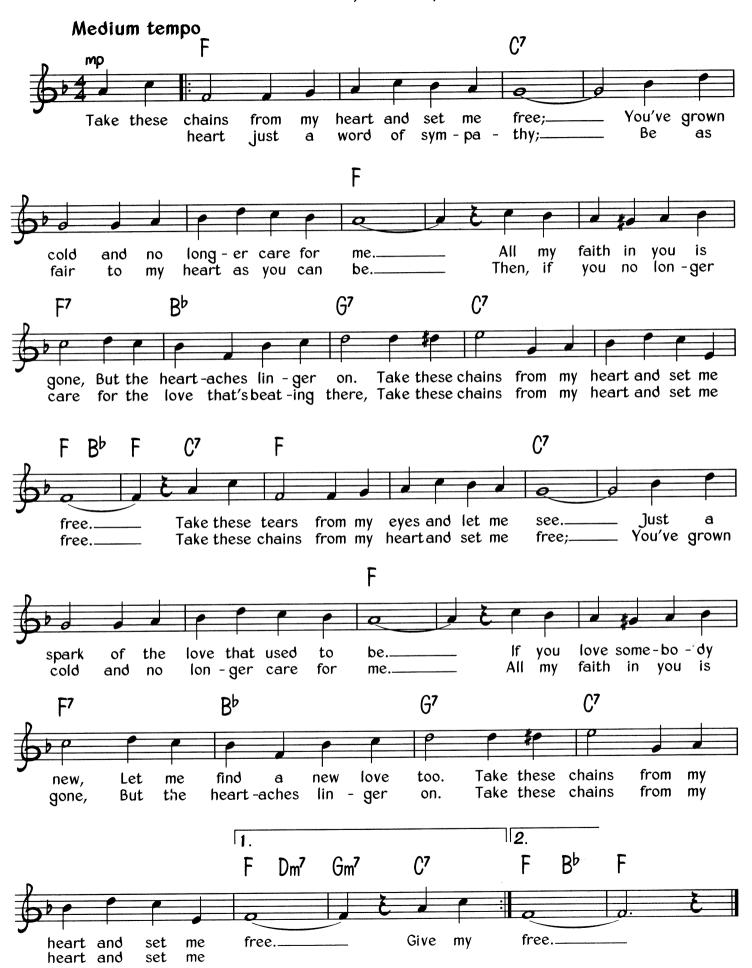






Take These Chains From My Heart

Words & Music by Fred Rose & Hy Heath



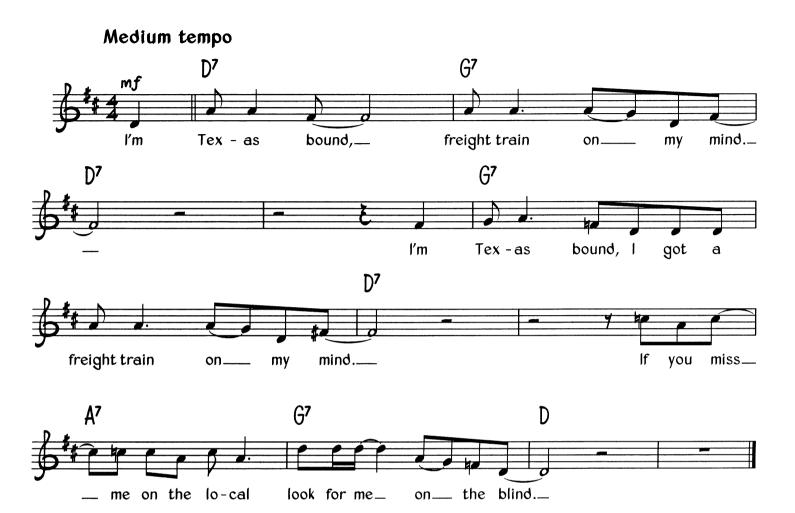
Tenor Madness

By Sonny Rollins



Texas Blues

Words & Music by Lowell Fulson



Verse 2

My suitcase is packed, my trunk's already on. (Twice) You know by that, this sweet papa's going to be gone.

Verse 3

Just look around the corner, see that passenger train. (Twice) Be a long, long time before you see my face again.

Verse 4

It takes a good of fireman, a cool kind of engineer, (Twice) That'll pull that train, take me away from here.

Verse 5

I'm Texas bound, got no time to lose. (Twice)
'Cos my sweet mama quit me, left me with the Texas blues.

That Ole Devil Called Love



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Still ___ have those tears

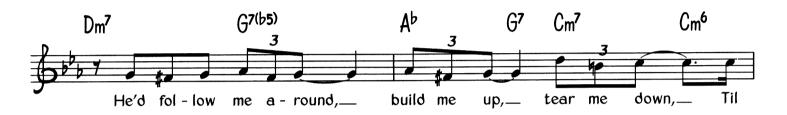
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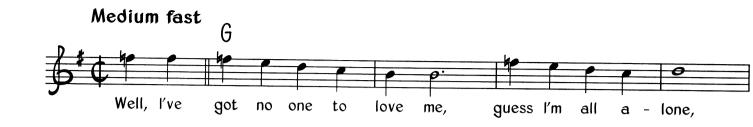






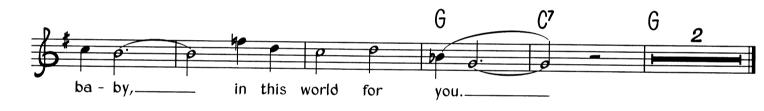
That's Why I'm Lonesome

Words & Music by Arthur Crudup









Verse 2
Sometimes I'm on the wonder, wonder to myself;
You know I love you, baby, and you love somebody else.
But I am wondering, yes, I'm wondering;
You know I'm wondering, baby, in this world for you.

Verse 3
I ain't got nobody, I'm here all alone;
The one I love, she really don't stay at home.
That's why I'm lonesome, yes, I'm lonesome;
You know I'm lonesome, baby, in this world for you.

The Birth Of The Blues



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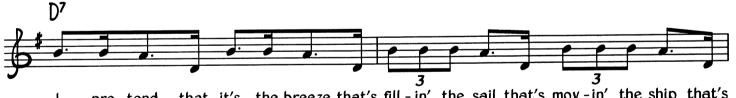
The Breeze (That's Bringing My Honey Back To Me)

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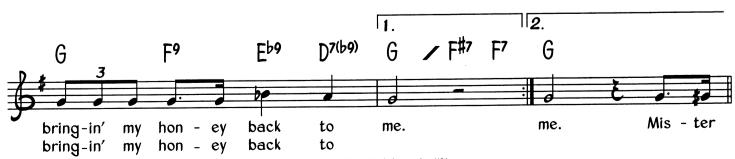
Words & Music by Tony Sacco, Dick Smith & Al Lewis







I pre-tend that it's the breeze that's fill-in' the sail that's mov-in' the ship that's And pre-tend that it's the breeze that's fill-in' the sail that's mov-in' the ship that's







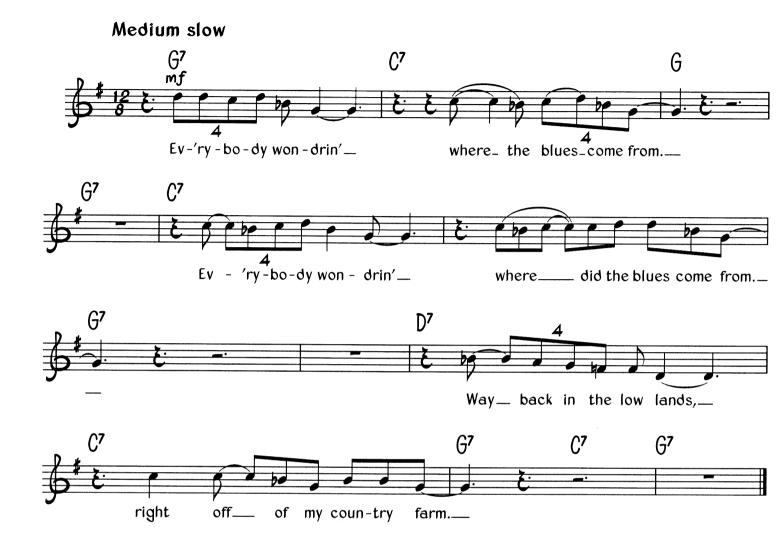






The Blues Never Die

Words & Music by Otis Spann



Verse 2

When you in trouble, blues is a man's best friend. (Twice)

Blues ain't gonna ask you where you goin', and the blues ain't gonna ask you where you been.

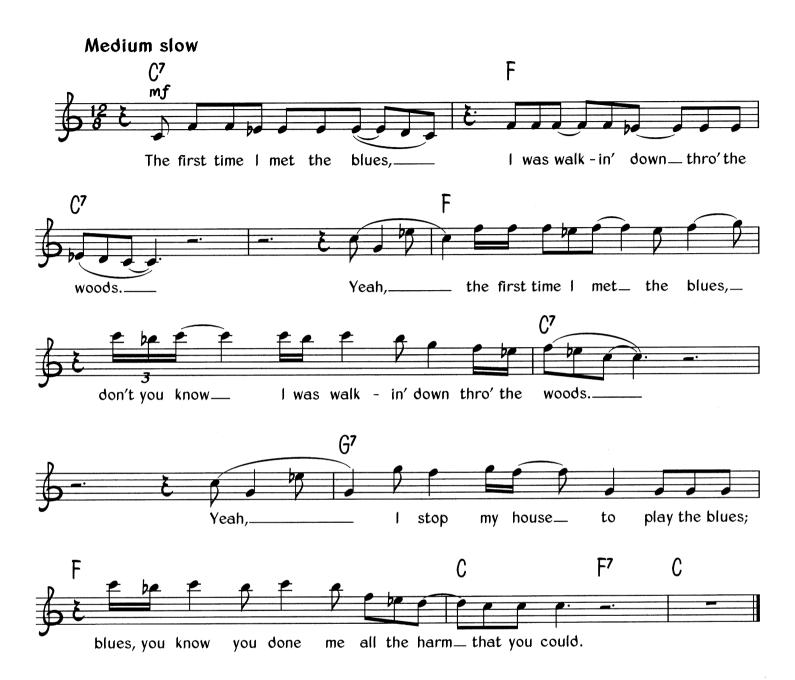
Verse 3

We can't let the blues die, blues don't mean no harm. (Twice)

I'm gonna move back in the lowlands, that's where the blues come from.

The First Time I Met The Blues

Words & Music by Eurreal Montgomery



Verse 2

The blues got after me, they ride me from tree to tree. (Twice) Yeah, you should have heard me beggin' "Blues, blues, don't bother me."

Verse 3

Yeah, good morning blues; blues, I wonder what you're doin' here so soon. (Twice) You know you'll be with me every morning, every night, and every noon.

The Lady Sings The Blues

Words by Billie Holiday ★ Music by Herbie Nichols







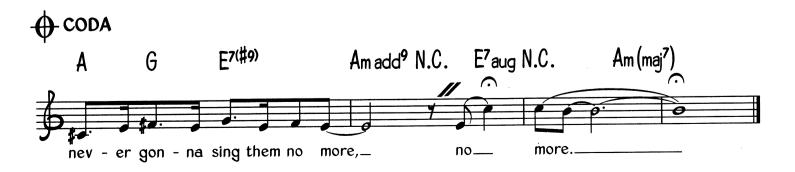








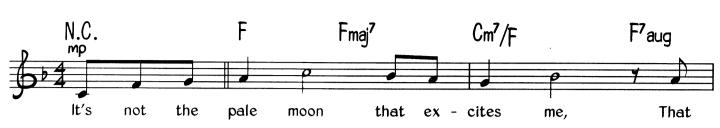


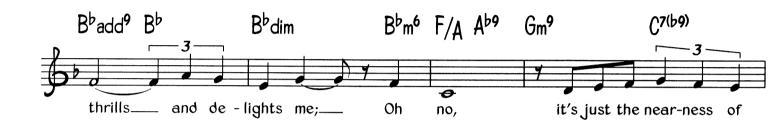


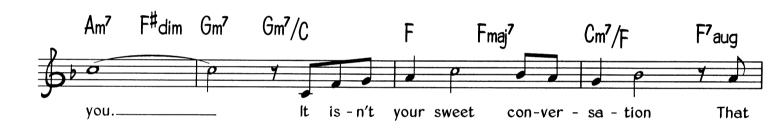
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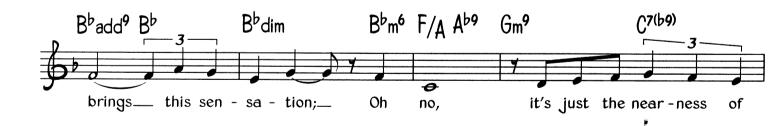
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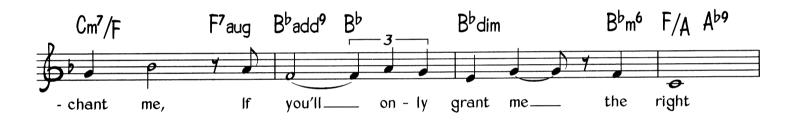




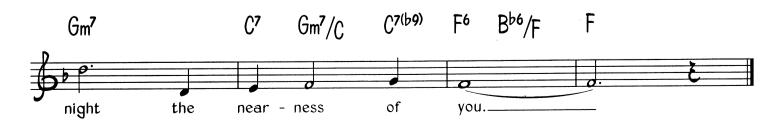












The Lonesome Road

Words by Gene Austin ★ Music by Nathaniel Shilkret



The Night We Called It A Day

Words by Tom Adair ★ Music by Matt Dennis



The Old Piano Roll Blues



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The Very Thought Of You

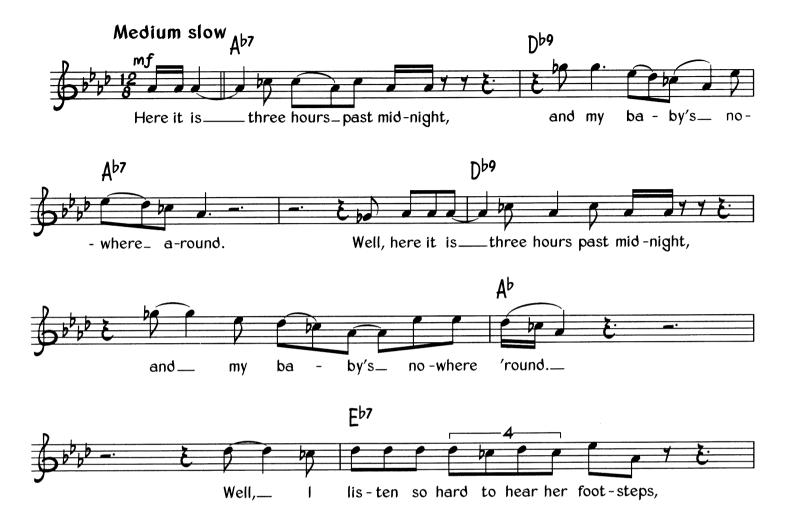


The Woman I Love



Three Hours Past Midnight

Words & Music by Johnny 'Guitar' Watson & Sam Ling





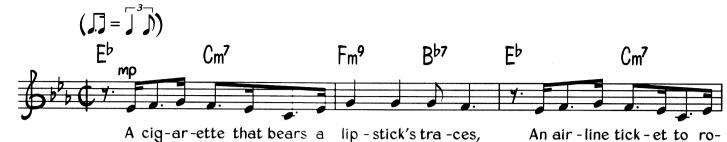
Verse 2
Yes, I toss and tumble on my pillow, but I just can't close my eyes. (Twice)
If my baby don't come back pretty quick, yes I just can't be satisfied.

Verse 3
Well, I want my baby; I want her by my side. (Twice)
Well, if she don't come home pretty soon, yes ljust can't be satisfied.

These Foolish Things

Medium slow

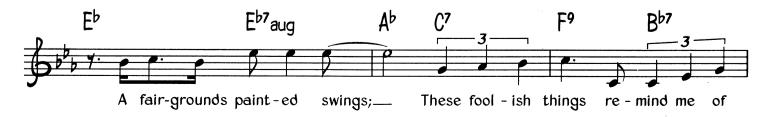
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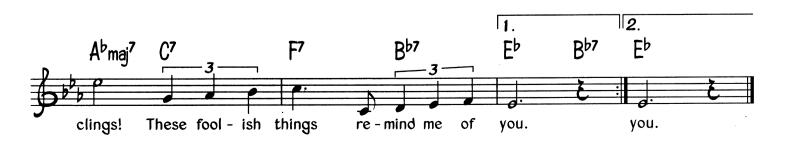












Time On My Hands

Words by Harold Adamson & Mack Gordon ★ Music by Vincent Youmans



Trane's Blues

By John Coltrane













Travelling Riverside Blues

Words & Music by Robert Johnson











back to Friar's __ Point, ma-ma, and bar-rel-house all night long.__

Verse 2

I got women in Vicksburg, clean on into Tennessee. (Twice) But my Friar's Point rider, now, hops all over me.

Verse 3

I ain't gonna state no color, but her teeth crowned with gold. (Twice) She got a mortgage on my body, now, and a lien on my soul.

Verse 4

Lord, I'm goin' to Rosedale, gon' take my rider by my side. (Twice) We can still barrelhouse, baby, 'cos it's on the river side.

Verse 5

You can squeeze my lemon till the juice run down my leg. (Twice) But I'm goin' back to Friar's Point, an' I'll be rockin' to my head.

Trouble In Mind

Words & Music by Richard M. Jones (Chippie Hill)



Verse 2

I'm all alone at midnight, and my lamp is burning low; Never had so much trouble in my life before. I'm gonna lay my head on that lonesome railroad track; But when I hear that whistle, Lord, I'm gonna pull it back.

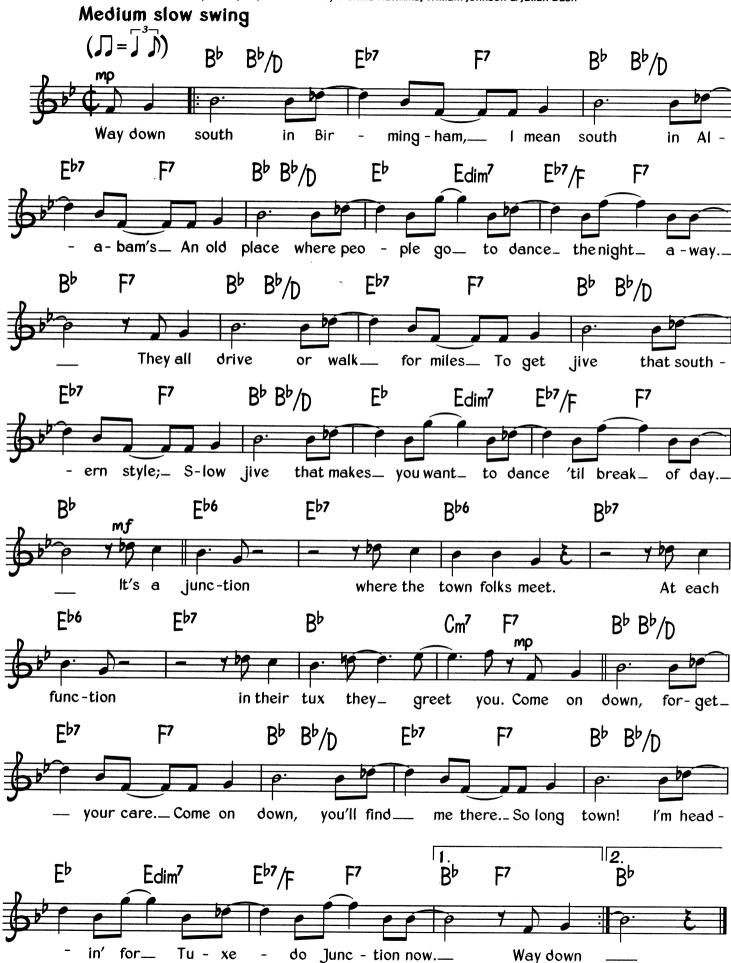
Verse 3

I'm going down to the river, take along my rocking chair; If the blues don't leave me, I'll rock away from here.

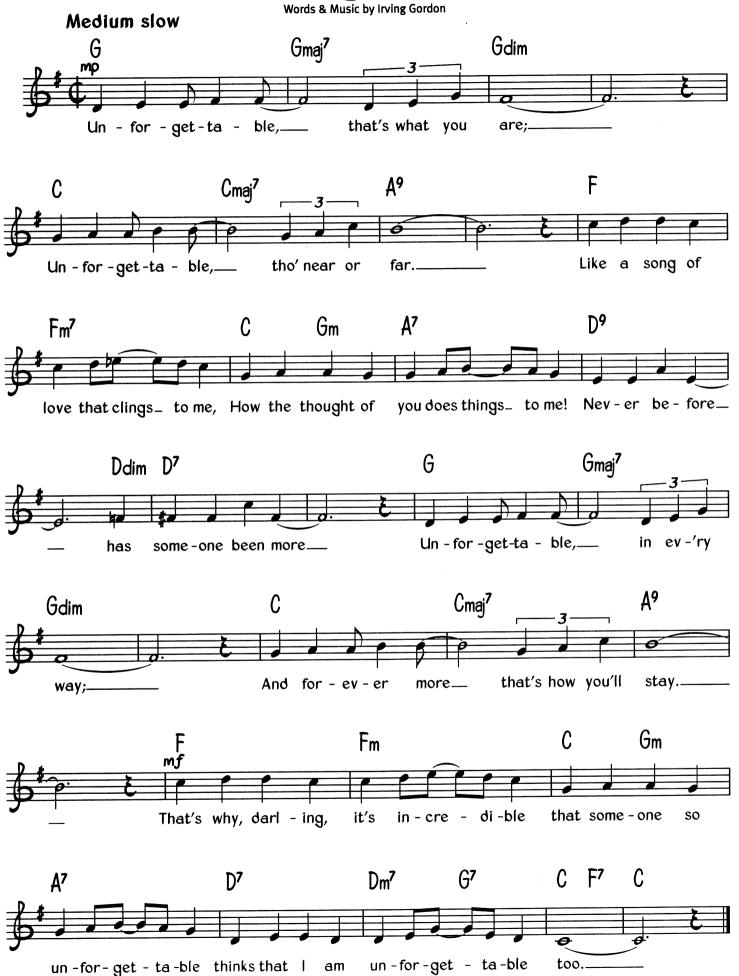
Trouble in mind, I'm blue, but I won't be blue always; 'Cos the sun gonna shine on my back door some day.

Tuxedo Junction

Words by Buddy Feyne ★ Music by Erskine Hawkins, William Johnson & Julian Dash



Unforgettable



Walk Right In

Words & Music by Gus Cannon & H. Woods











Walkin' Shoes

By Gerry Mulligan









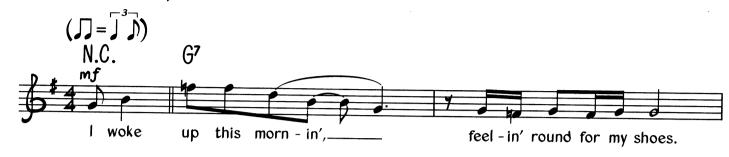




Walkin' Blues

Words & Music by Robert Johnson

Medium tempo









Verse 2

Well, leave this mornin' if I have to, ride the blind. I feel mistreated, and I don't mind dyin'. Leave this mornin', if I have to, ride the blind. Babe, I been mistreated, and I don't mind dyin'.

Verse 3

Well, some people tell me that the worried blues ain't bad. Worst old feelin' I most ever had.

People tell me that these old worried blues ain't bad.

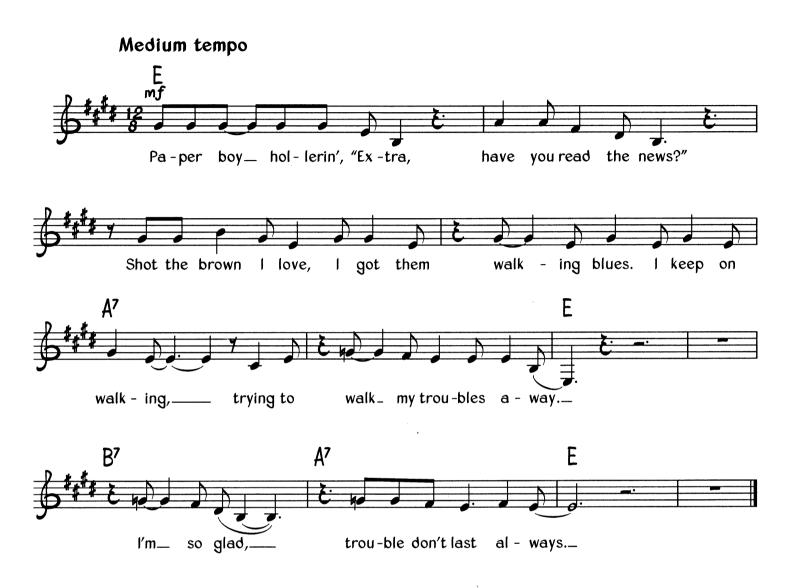
It's the worst old feelin' I most ever had.

Verse 4

She got an easy movement from her head down to her toes. Break in on a dollar most anywhere she goes. Ooh, to her head down to her toes. Lord, she break in on a dollar most anywhere she goes.

Walking My Troubles Away

Traditional



Verse 2
You used to be my sweet hip, you soured on me;
We won't be together like we used to be.
I keep on walking, trying to walk my trouble away.

I'm so glad, trouble don't last always.

Verse 3

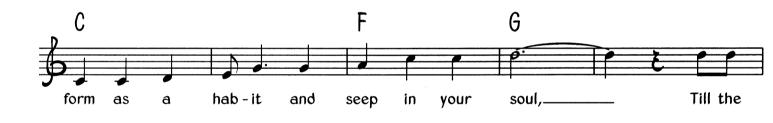
I got the bad, luck blues, my bad luck time done come. They said bad luck follow everybody; seem like I'm the only one. I keep on walking, trying to walk my trouble away. I'm so glad, trouble don't last always.

Way Down In The Mine

Traditional

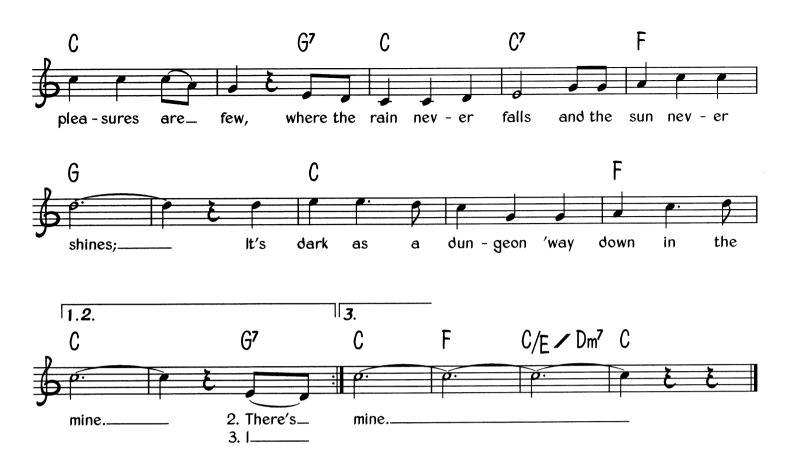












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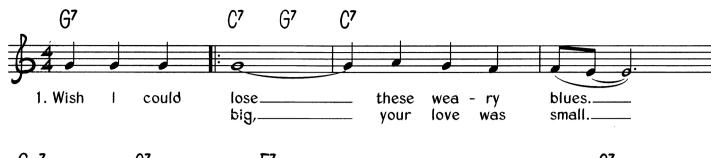
There's many a young feller I knew in my day Who lived just to labour his whole life away; Like a fiend with his dope, or a drunkard his wine, A man may have lust for the lure of the mine. It's dark as a dungeon, etc.

Verse 3

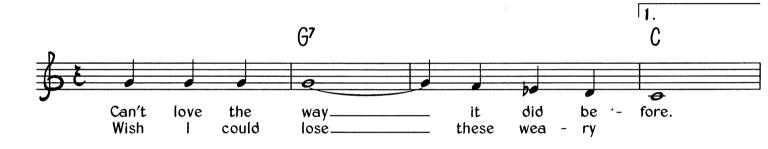
I pray, when I die and the ages shall roll, My body will blacken and turn into coal. As I stand at the door of my heavenly home, I'll pray for the feller a slave to my bones. It's dark as a dungeon, etc.

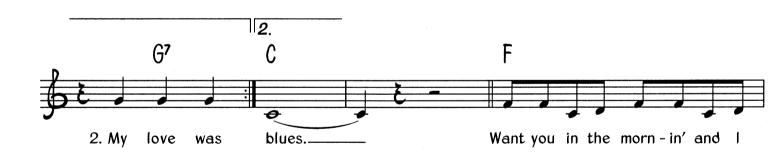
Weary Blues Traditional



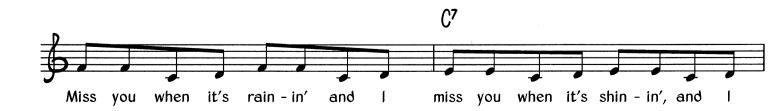


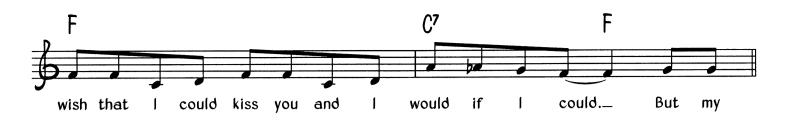






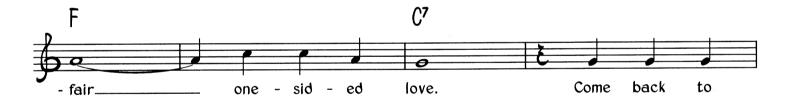


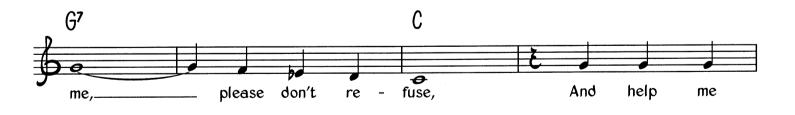


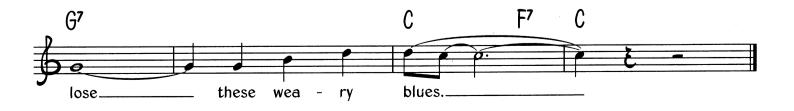












Weeping Willow Blues



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dove!





Verse 2

Now if you see my woman, tell her I says hurry home. (Twice) I ain't had no loving since my gal been gone.

Verse 3

Where it ain't no love, ain't no getting along. (Twice) My gal treat me so mean and dirty, sometime I don't know right from wrong.

Verse 4

Lord, I laid down last night, tried to take my rest. (Twice) My mind started wandering like the wild geese in the west.

Verse 5

Gonna buy me a bulldog, watch you while I sleep. (Twice) Just to keep these men from making the 'fore day creep.

Verse 6

You gonna want my love, baby, some lonesome day. (Twice) Then it will be too late, I'll be gone too far away.

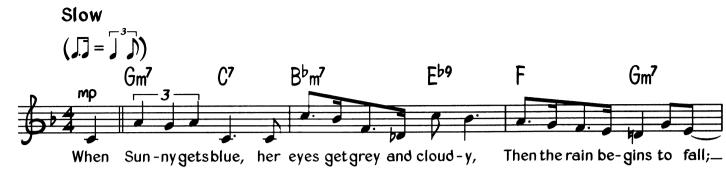
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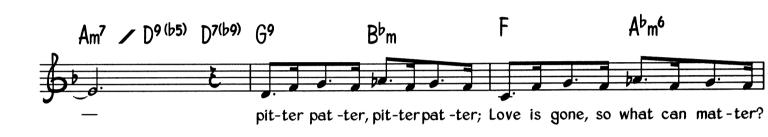
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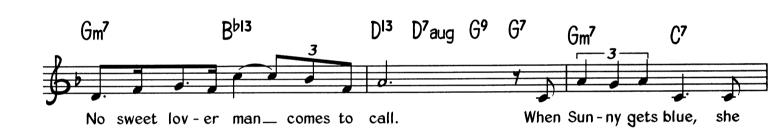


When Sunny Gets Blue

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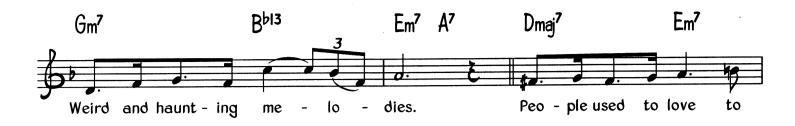


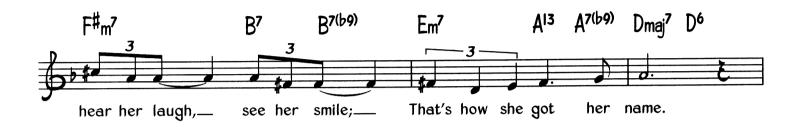






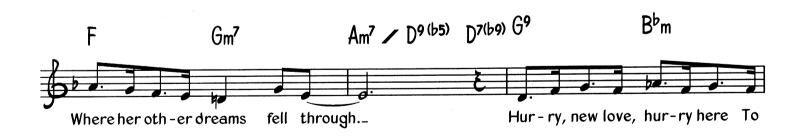








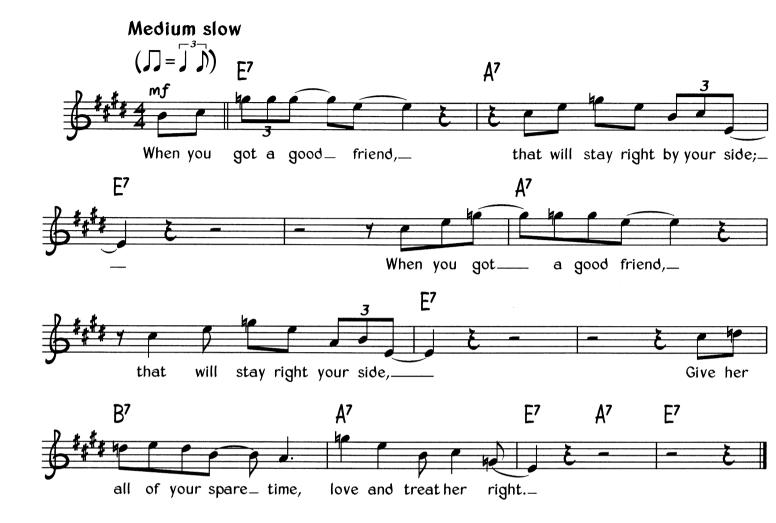






When You Got A Good Friend

Words & Music by Robert Johnson



Verse 2

I mistreat my baby, and I can't see no reason why. (Twice) Every time I think about it, I just wring my hands and cry.

Verse 3

Wonder, could I bear apologise, or would she sympathise with me. (*Twice*) She's a brownskin woman, just as sweet as a girlfriend can be.

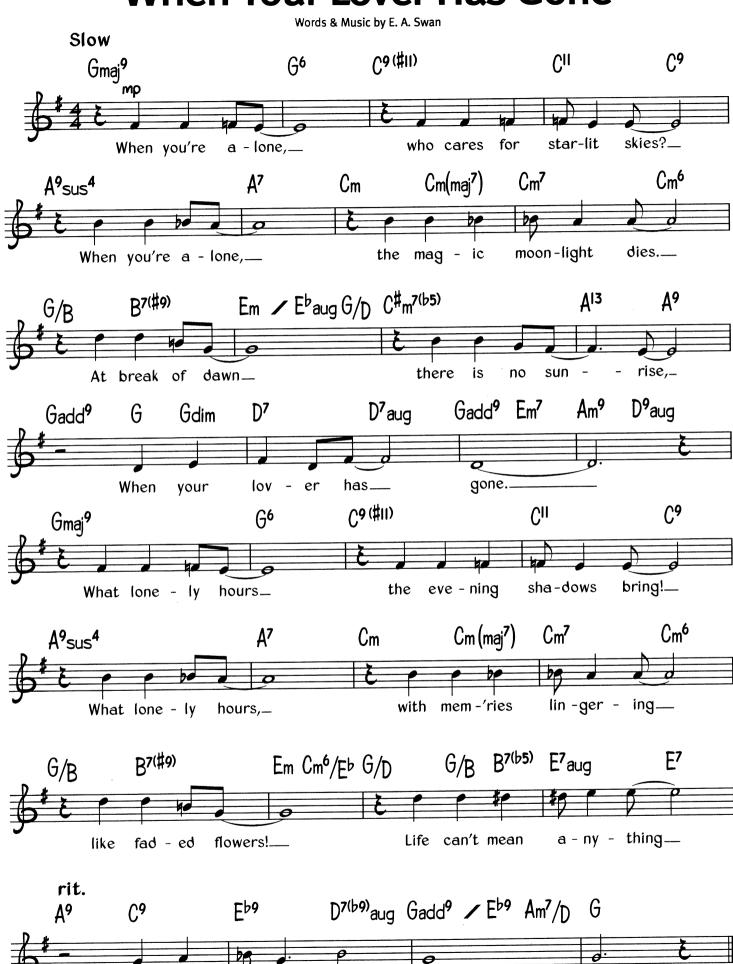
Verse 4

Mmm, babe, I may be right or wrong.
Baby, it your opinion, I may be right or wrong.
Watch your close friend, baby, you enemies can't do you no harm.

Verse 5

When you got a good friend that will stay right by your side, (Twice) Give her all of your spare time, love and treat her right.

When Your Lover Has Gone



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Wild About That Thing

Words & Music by Spencer Williams

Medium tempo









Verse 2

Do it easy, honey, don't get rough; from you, papa, I can't get enough. I'm wild about that thing, I'm wild about that thing; Everybody knows it, I'm wild about that thing.

Verse 3

Please don't hold it, baby, when I cry; Give me every bit of it or else I'll die. I'm wild about that thing, I'm wild about that thing; All the time I'm cryin', I'm wild about that thing.

Verse 4

What's the matter, papa, please don't stall; don't you know I love it and I want it all? I'm wild about that thing, just give my bell a ring; You touched my button, I'm wild about that thing.

Verse 5

If you want to satisfy my soul, come on and rock me with a steady roll. I'm wild about that thing; gee, I like your ting-a-ling. Kiss me like you mean it, I'm wild about that thing.

Verse 6

Come on turn the lights down low; say you're ready, just say let's go. I'm wild about that thing, I'm wild about that thing; Come on and make me feel it, I'm wild about that thing.

Verse 7

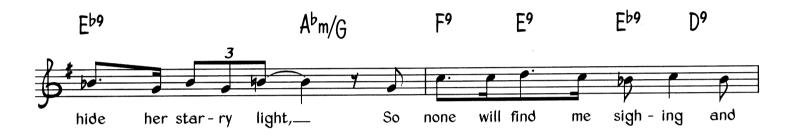
I'm wild about it when you hold me tight; let me linger in your arms all night. I'm wild about that thing, my passions got the fling; Come on, hear me cryin', I'm wild about that thing.

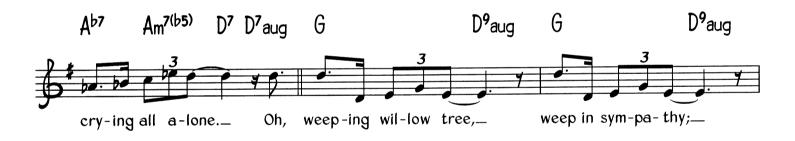
Willow Weep For Me

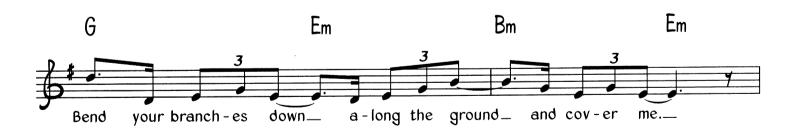














Worried Man Blues

Traditional











Verse 1

I went across the river, and I lay down to sleep. (3 times) When I woke up, I had shackles on my feet.

Verse 2

Twenty one links of chain around my leg. (3 times) And, on each link, an initial of my name.

Verse 3

When everything goes wrong, I sing a worried song. (3 times) I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long.

You'll Like My Loving



Verse 2 I told you, pretty mama, I had the best jelly in town. (Twice) Since you got a little taste, you just keep on hanging around.

Let you taste my jel-ly

Verse 3 I swim deep, pretty mama, just like a catfish loaded down. (Twice) And every time you see me, you wants to fall down on the ground.

Verse 4 When me and my baby starts to lovin', we wants to fight like cats and dogs. (Twice) But before it's over with, we hollerin' "Lord, oh, Lordy Lord."

You Can't Judge A Book By Its Cover

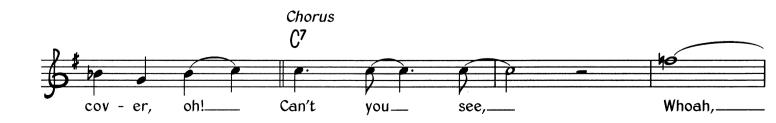
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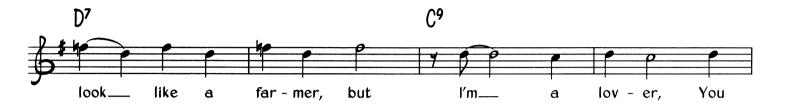










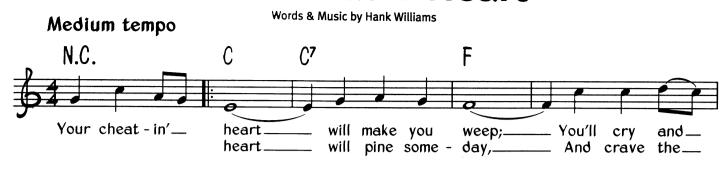




Verse 2 You can't judge sugar by looking at the cane. You can't judge a woman by looking at her man. You can't judge a sister by looking at her brother. You can't judge a book by looking at the cover. Chorus

Verse 3 You can't judge a fish by looking in the pond. You can't judge right from looking at the wrong. You can't judge one by looking at the other. You can't judge a book by looking at the cover. Chorus

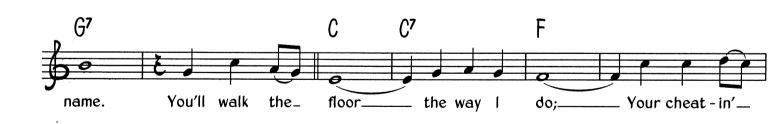
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