

# Hangman's Blues

## Blind Lemon Jefferson

Hangman's rope is so tough and strong  
Oh, the hangman's rope is so tough and strong  
They gonna hang me because I done something wrong I wanna tell you the gallis, Lord's a fearful sight  
I wanna tell you the gallis, Lord's a fearful sight  
Hang me in the mornin' and cut me down at night While a mean ol' hangman is waitin' to tighten up that noose  
Oh, the mean ol' hangman is waitin' to tighten up that noose  
Lord, I'm so scared, I'm trembling in my shoes Jury heard my case and they said my hand was red  
[Incomprehensible] heard my case and said my hand was red  
And judge, he sentenced me, be hanging till I'm dead They crowd 'round the courthouse and the time is going  
fast  
Oh, they crowd 'round the courthouse and the time is going fast  
Soon a good-for-nothin' killer is gonna breath his last Lord, I'm almost dyin', gasping for my breath  
Lord, I'm almost dyin', gasping for my breath  
And a triflin' woman waiting to celebrate my death

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