

# Ball and Chain

## Big Mama Thornton

S-sitting down by my window,  
Oh, looking at the rain  
S-sitting down by my window now now,  
All around I felt it,  
All I could see was the rain  
Something grabbed a hold of me, honey,  
Felt to me honey like, lord, a ball and chain  
Yeah! hey! you know what I mean,  
But its way too heavy for you,  
You cant hold it tomorrow Say, whoa, whoa, honey, it cant be  
Just because I got to want your love  
Please please please please, whoa please, please  
Whoa, honey it cant be  
Just because I got to need you daddy.  
Please don't you let me down, no, please, lord!  
Here you gone today, but I wanted to love you,  
I wanted to hold you, yeah, till the day I die,  
Till the day, till the day,  
Yeah! hey! hey! all right! Say, whoa, whoa, honey this cant be  
Not anything I ever wanted from you daddy  
Tell me now, now, now, now, oh, tell me now, yeah  
I say, whoa, whoa, honey this cant be  
No, no, no, no, no, no, no, yeah yeah, hey!  
And I want someone that could tell me, tell me why  
Just because I got to want your love  
Honey, just because I got to need, need, need your love  
I said I don't understand, honey, but I wanna chance to try  
Try, try, try try try try  
Honey when everybody in the world wants the same damn thing  
When everybody in the world will need the same lonely thing  
When I wanna work for your love, daddy  
When I wanna try for your love, daddy I don't understand how come you're gone, man  
I don't understand why half the  
World is still crying, man, when the other half of the world is still  
Crying too, man, I cant get it together  
If you got a cat for one day, man I mean, if you, say, say, if you want a  
Cat for 365 days, right you ain't got him for 365 days, you got him for one  
Day, man, well I tell you that one day  
'N, better be your life, man

Because, you know, you can say, oh man, you  
Can cry about the other 364, man, but you're gonna lose that one day, man,  
And that's all you've got. you gotta call that man  
That's what it is, man. if you got it today you don't want it  
Tomorrow, man, cause you don't need it, cause as a matter of fact, as we  
Discovered in the train, tomorrow never happens,  
It's all the same fucking day, man

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