

Preaching the Blues

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I was up this mornin', blues walkin' like a man
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Worried blues, give me your right hand Ah, blues fell mama's child, tore me all upside down
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Travel on ol' Jeffrey Lee, ya know
Can't seem to turn him around So preach the blues
Preach the blues now Blues is low down shaking chill
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You ain't never had them
I don't believe you will Blues is an achin' old heart disease
Blues is an achin' old heart disease
It's like consumption, baby
Killin' me by degrees So preach the blues
Preach the blues now I had religion, Lord, this day, very day
I had religion, Lord, this very day
But the womens and the whiskey
They would not let me pray Gonna get me religion
Gonna join the Baptist church
Gonna get me religion
Gonna join the Baptist church
Gonna be a Baptist preacher
So I don't have to work And preach the blues
And preach the blues now

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