

# Black Betty

## Leadbelly

Looky looky yonder  
Looky looky yonder  
Looky looky yonder  
Where the sun done gone.

The cap'in' (captain) can't hold 'em (him or them)  
Cap'in' can't hold 'em  
Cap'in' can't hold 'em  
The way I do.

Yes Addie gotta gold mine  
Addie gotta gold mine  
Addie gotta gold mine  
Way above her knee.

Looky looky yonder  
Looky looky yonder  
Looky looky yonder  
Where the sun done gone.

[I's just] walking  
[I's just] walking  
[I's just] walking  
All day long.

[She's] been talking  
[She's] been talking  
[She's] been talking  
Babe, all day long.

Looky looky yonder  
Looky looky yonder  
Looky looky yonder  
Where the sun done gone.

Oh Black Betty, Bam da lam  
Oh Black Betty, Bam da lam

Black Betty had a baby, Bam da lam

Black Betty had a baby, Bam da lam

Damn thing gone crazy, Bam da lam  
Damn thing gone crazy, Bam da lam

Oh Black Betty, Bam da lam  
Oh Black Betty, Bam da lam

Oh baby Black Betty, Bam da lam  
Oh baby Black Betty, Bam da lam

Black Betty had a baby, Bam da lam  
Black Betty had a baby, Bam da lam

Damn thing gone crazy, Bam da lam  
Damn thing gone crazy, Bam da lam

Baby wasn't none of mine, Bam da lam  
Baby wasn't none of mine, Bam da lam

Damn thing gone blind, Bam da lam  
Damn thing gone blind, Bam da lam

Yeah Black Betty, Bam da lam  
Whoa Black Betty, Bam da lam

Black Betty, Black Betty, Bam da lam  
Black Betty, Black Betty, Bam da lam

Looky here, Black Betty, Bam da lam  
Looky here, Black Betty, Bam da lam

Jump steady, Black Betty, Bam da lam  
Jump steady, Black Betty, Bam da lam

Last Monday, baby I was arrested  
[Lawd (Lord), lawd, lawd]

On Tuesday, I was locked up in jail  
[Lawd, lawd, lawd]

On Wednesday, my child was attested  
[Lawd, lawd]

On Thursday, [nobody's gonna call my bail,] here's some mo'

Almost done, here's some mo'(more)

Almost done, here's some mo'  
Almost done, [Lawd, lawd]

And I ain't gonna, ain't done, [ya'll don't gimme no bail]  
[Lawd, lawd, lawd, lawd]

Last Monday, baby I went a'walking  
[Lawd, lawd]

On Tuesday, I shot me a'dog  
[Lawd, lawd, lawd]

On Wednesday, we was sittin' down a'talking  
[Lawd, lawd]

On Thursday, she pawned all of my clothes  
[Lawd, lawd, lawd]

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