

Black Cat, Hoot Owl Blues

Ma Rainey

Black cat on my doorstep, black cat on my windowsill
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If one black cat don't cross me, another black cat willIt's bad luck if I'm jolly, bad luck if I cry
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It's bad luck if I stay here, it's still more bad luck if I dieLast night a hootin' owl came and sat right over my
door
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A feelin' seems to tell me, I'll never see my man no moreI feel my left eye jumpin', my heart a-bumpin'
I'm on my P's and Q's
I feel my brain a-thumpin', I got no time to lose
Mama's superstitious, tryin' to overcome these blues

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