## **Invitation to the Blues**

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Well, shes up against the register, an apron and a spatula
With yesterdays deliveries and tickets for bachelors
Shes a moving violation from her conk down to her shoes
But shes just an invitation to the bluesBut you feel like Cagney
And she looks like Rita Hayworth

At the counter of the Schwabs drugstore
You wonder if she might be singleShes a loner, likes to mingle
Got to be patience, try to pick up a clue
She says how you gonna likeem

Medium or scrambled? Any way is the only way, be careful not to gamble

On a guy with a suitcase and a ticket getting out here

Its tired bus station and an old pair of shoes

Aint nothing but an invitation to the bluesBut you cant take your eyes off her Get another cup of java

And its just the way she pours it for you

Joking with the customersOh mercy, Mr. Percy, there aint nothing back in jersey

But a broken down jalopy of a man I left behind

And a dream that I was chasing, a battle with booze

An open invitation to the bluesAh, but shes had a sugar daddy and a candy apple caddy

A bank account and everything Accustomed to the finer things

He left her for a socialiteHe didnt love her except at night and then hes drunk And never even told her that he cared

So she took the registration, car keys and her shoes Left with an invitation to the bluesNow theres continental railways leaving

Local bus tonight, good evening

You can have my seat, Im sticking 'round here for a while Get a room at squireThe filling stations hiring and I can cat here every night What the hell have I got to lose?

Got a crazy sensation, go or stay, I gotta choose Ill accept your invitation to the blues

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