

# Arkansas Blues

## Mildred Bailey

Well I hide behind my guitar like a sparrow in the night  
Hopin' I might fly away anew  
Cause they'll love you when you're wrong  
And then leave you when you're right  
Tell me baby, what's a boy to do?

Well I came to town a stranger, not knowin' how to act  
Figured I'd hang out and just get found.  
Made me some new friends  
They climbed way up on my back  
Been gone so long they ain't comin' down

You can kiss the sky good morning  
You can say your prayers at night  
Hide your soul way down in your shoes,  
But it's the same old scene  
Borrowed love and faded dreams  
And you just can't hide from those Arkansas blues.

Well time is playin' tricks on me  
Makes me think I'm movin' fast  
I don't think I'm movin' at all  
And every stranger's face I see reminds me of the past  
Come on big and leave you feelin' small

So I took to drinkin' liquor on the other side of town  
Way up in those woods beside the moon  
Where every graceful dream I had got lost without a sound  
Tell you what, I can't leave this place too soon.

And it don't take no rhyme or reason  
It don't make no sense at all  
Just one of those things that you don't choose  
It's the same old thing  
Broken hearts and busted strings  
And you just can't run from those Arkansas blues.

Everybody's asking questions about whose side are you on  
I don't see how it matters much to me  
And all these midnight celebrations

That are ended by the dawn  
Leave you feelin' low as you can be

So I'm leaving town this morning, gonna lighten up my load  
See if I can't lose what I have found  
And it's one drink for the memories  
And one kiss for the road  
Look out, I believe I'm Texas bound  
California, Oklahoma, Arizona, Tennessee  
I been all around this land to pay my dues  
High, low, and right behind me  
Wherever I go they find me  
And I just can't run from the Arkansas blues.

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