

# 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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