

# Stuck Inside of Mobile With the Memphis Blues Again

## Cat Power

Oh, the ragman draws circles  
Up and down the block  
I'd ask him what the matter was  
But I know, he don't talk And the ladies treat him kindly  
And furnish him with tape  
But deep inside his heart  
I know he can't escape Oh, mama  
Can this really be the end?  
To be stuck inside of mobile  
With the Memphis blues again Well, Shakespeare, he's in the alley  
With his pointed shoes and his bells  
Speaking to some French girl  
Who says she knows him well And I would send a message  
To find out if she's talked  
But the post office has been stolen  
And the mailbox is locked Oh, mama  
Can this really be the end?  
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With the Memphis blues again Mona tried to tell me  
To stay away from the train line  
She said that all the railroad men  
Just drink up your blood like wine An' I said, "Oh, I didn't know that  
But then again there's only one I've met  
An' he just smoked my eyelids  
An' punched my cigarette" Oh, mama  
Can this really be the end?  
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With the Memphis blues again Grandpa died last week  
And now he's buried in the rocks  
But everybody still talks about  
How badly they were shocked But me, I expected it to happen  
I knew he'd lost control  
Rebuilt a fire on Main Street  
And shot it full of holes Oh, mama  
Can this really be the end?  
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With the Memphis blues again The senator came down here  
Showing everyone his gun  
Handing out free tickets

To the wedding of his sonAn' me, I nearly got busted  
An' wouldn't it be my luck  
To get caught without a ticket  
And be discovered beneath a truck?Oh, mama  
Is this really the end?  
To be stuck inside of mobile  
With the Memphis blues againNow, the T-Preacher looked so baffled  
When I asked him why he dressed  
With twenty pounds of headlines  
Stapled to his chestBut he cursed me when I proved it to him  
Then I whispered and said "Not even you can hide  
You see, you're just like me  
I hope you're satisfied"Oh, mama  
Can this really be the end?  
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With the Memphis blues againNow, the Rainman gave me two cures  
Then he said, "Jump right in"  
The one was Texas medicine  
The other was just railroad ginAn' like a fool I mixed them  
An' it strangled up my mind  
An' now people just get uglier  
An' I have no sense of timeOh, mama  
Can this really be the end?  
To be stuck inside of mobile  
With the Memphis blues againWhen Ruthie says come see her  
In her honky-tonk lagoon  
Where he can watch her waltz for free  
'Neath her Panamanian moonAn' he say, "Aw, come on now  
You know you know about my debutante"  
An' she says, "Your debutante just knows what you need  
But I know what you really want"Oh, mama  
Can this really be the end?  
To be stuck inside of mobile  
With the Memphis blues againNow, the bricks lay on Grand Street  
Where the neon madmen climb  
They all fall there so perfectly  
It all seems so well timedAn' here I sit so patiently  
Waiting to find out what price  
You have to pay to get out of  
Going through all these things twiceOh, mama  
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