

# Struttin' With Some Barbecue

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I hate to see de ev'nin' sun go down  
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'Cause ma baby, he done lef' dis town  
Feelin' tomorrow lak ah feel today  
Feel tomorrow lak ah feel today  
I'll pack my trunk, make ma git away

Saint Louis woman wid her diamon' rings  
Pulls dat man 'roun' by her apron strings  
'Twant for powder an' for store bought hair  
De man ah love would not gone nowhere, nowhere  
Got de Saint Louis Blues jes as blue as ah can be  
Dat man got a heart lak a rock cast in the sea

Or else he wouldn't have gone so far from me, doggone it  
I loves day man lak a schoolboy loves his pie  
Lak a Kentucky Col'nel loves his mint an' rye  
I'll love ma baby till the day ah die

Been to de gypsy to get ma fortune tole  
To de gypsy, done got ma fortune tole  
'Cause I'm most wile 'bout ma Jelly Roll  
Gypsy done tole me, don't you wear no black  
Yes, she done told me, don't you wear no black

Go to Saint Louis, you can win him back  
Help me to Cairo, make Saint Louis by maself  
Git to Cairo, find ma old friend Jeff  
Gwine to pin maself close to his side  
If ah flag his train, I sho' can ride  
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You ought to see dat stovepipe brown of mine  
Lak he owns de Dimon' Joseph line

He'd make a cross eyed O'man go stone blin'  
Blacker than midnight, teeth lak flags of truce  
Blackest man in de whole of Saint Louis  
Blacker de berry, sweeter am de juice

About a crap game, he knows a pow'ful lot  
But when work time comes, he's on de dot  
Gwine to ask him for a cold ten spot  
What it takes to git it, he's cert'nly got  
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A black headed gal makes a freight train jump the track, said  
A black headed gal makes a freight train jump the track  
But a long tall gal makes a preacher ball the jack

Lawd, a blonde headed woman makes a good man leave the town  
I said, "Blonde headed woman makes a good man leave the town  
But a red headed woman makes a boy slap his papa down"

Oh, ashes to ashes and dust to dust  
I said, "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust  
If my blues don't get you, my jazzing must"

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