

Midnight Special

G (I) C (IV) G (I)
Yonder come Ms Rosie. How in the world do you know?
 D7 (V7) C (IV) G (I)
Well I know her by her apron, and the dress she wore

G (I) C (IV) G (I)
Umbrella on her shoulder, piece of paper in her hand
 D7 (V7) C (IV) G(I)
Well I'm gonna ask the governor, please turn her loose my man

 G (I) C (IV) G (I)
Chorus: Let the Midnight Special shine a light on me
 D7 (V7) C (IV) G (I)
 Let the Midnight Special shine an ever-loving light on me

G (I) C (IV) G (I)
When you gets up in the morning, and that big bell rings
 D7 (V7) C (IV) G (I)
Go marchin' to the table, see the same old thing

G(I) C (IV) G (I)
Knife and fork are on the table, nothin' in my pan
 D7 (V7) C(IV) G(I)
Oh you say a thing about it, you have trouble with the man

Chorus

G (I) C (IV) G (I)
If you ever go to Houston, oh you better walk right
 D7 (V7) C(IV) G (I)
Oh you better not squabble, you better not fight
G(I) C(IV) G (I)
Benson Crocker will arrest you, Jimmy Boone will take you down
 D7 (V7) C(IV) G(I)
You can bet your bottom dollar, you're penitentiary bound.

Chorus x2

Well, jumping Little Judy, she was a mighty fine girl.
She brought jumping to this whole round world.
Well, she brought it in the morning just a while before day.
Well, she brought me the news that my wife was dead.
That started me to grieving, whooping, hollering, and crying.
And I began to worry about my very long time.

Sitting On Top Of The World

1 Was in the spring one sunny day
My good gal **4** left me she went a- **1** -way

Chorus:

1 And now she's gone and I don't worry
Cause I'm sitting on **5** top of the **1** world

Verses:

Mississippi River long deep and wide
The the one that I'm loving is on the other side

She called me up from down in El Paso
Said come back daddy lord I miss you so

Don't like my peaches don't shake my tree
Get out of my orchard let my peaches be

Don't you come here running holding out your hand
I'll get me a woman like you got your man

Ashes to ashes and dust to dust
Show me a woman that a man can trust

Examples of Blues Floater Lines

Floating lyrics have been described as "lines that have circulated so long in folk communities that tradition-steeped singers call them instantly to mind and rearrange them constantly, and often unconsciously, to suit their personal and community aesthetics"

1. T for Texas T for Tennessee

Lord bless that woman who put that thang on me

2. The one I love now's 5 feet from the ground

She's tailor-made, ain't no hand me down

3. If I could holler like mountain jack

I'd go up the mountain and call my baby back

4. Don't you wish your girl was long and tall like mine

She ain't no good but she takes her time

5. Make me down a pallet on your floor

Make it so your man will never know

6. I'll tell you buddy, better let married women be

'Fore her husband find out and beat your ragged as a cedar tree

7. I got two lovers and you can't tell 'em apart

One in my bosom, the other one in my heart

8. If it keeps on raining, levee's gonna break

I worked so hard to keep the water away

9. Sittin' here wondering will a matchbox hold my clothes?

Ain't go so many but I got so far to go

10. If you see my rider tell em bring it home

I ain't had no loving since my gal been gone

11. Now look here mama, what am I to do?

I got nobody to tell my troubles to

12. Oh cryin' won't help, prayin' won't do no good

When the levee breaks mama you got to move

13. I had a woman she wouldn't do for me

I'm going back to my used to be

14. I woke up this morning, blues around my bed

I went to eat my breakfast, blues was in my bread

15. You don't know my mind

If you see me laughing, laughing to keep from crying.