

Dirty No-gooder's Blues

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Did you ever fall in love with a man that was no good?
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No matter what you did for him, he never understood

The meanest thing he could say would thrill you through and through
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And there wasn't nothin' too dirty for that man to do

He'd treat you nice and kind till he win your heart and hand
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Then he git so cruel that man, you just could not stand

Lawd, I really don't think no man's love can last
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They'll love you to death then treat you like a thing of the past

There's nineteen men livin' in my neighborhood
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Eighteen of them are fools and the one ain't no doggone good

Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd
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That dirty no-good man treats me just like I'm a dog