

## Eavesdropper's Blues

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I heard the folks were talking here yesterday  
As I listened by the door  
Would eavesdrop 'cause they never hear no good, they say  
And I heard things that hurt me so

They said I had a man I give my money to  
They said I had a man I give my money to  
And if I was broke he would turn my eyes all blue

They talked about my pa who was blind in one eye  
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They said he was a sinner and was too mean to cry

I never knock nobody, wonder why they picked on me  
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There's goin' to be a funeral if they don't let me be

I never stopped to listen, to try and hear no good news  
I never stopped to listen, to try and hear no good news  
I hear things about me, give me those eavesdropper's blues