

Empty Bed Blues

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I woke up this morning with a awful aching head
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My new man had left me, just a room and a empty bed

Bought me a coffee grinder that's the best one I could find
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Oh he could grind my coffee, cause he had a brand new grind

He's a deep sea diver with a stroke that can't go wrong
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He can stay at the bottom and his wind holds out so long

He knows how to thrill me and he thrills me night and day
Oh he knows how to thrill me, he thrills me night and day
He's got a new way of loving, almost takes my breath away

Lord he's got that sweet somethin' and I told my girlfriend Lou
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From the way she's raving, she must have gone and tried it too

(Part 2:)

When my bed get empty make me feel awful mean and blue
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My springs are getting rusty, sleeping single like I do

Bought him a blanket, pillow for his head at night
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Then I bought him a mattress so he could lay just right

He came home one evening with his beret way up high
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What he had to give me, make me wring my hands and cry

He give me a lesson that I never had before
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When he got to teachin' me, from my elbow down was sore

He poured my first cabbage and he made it awful hot
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When he put in the bacon, it overflowed the pot

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