

Haunted House Blues

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Don't bring no ghosts in the front, hurry 'em round to the back door!

This house is so haunted with dead men I can't lose
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And a sneaky old feeling gives me those haunted house blues

I can't sleep no more, I done lost my appetite
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'Cause my mistreating daddy hangs around me day and night

He moans when I'm sleeping, he wakes me at 2 a.m.
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And he makes me swear I'll have no other man but him

Now I'm so worried and I'm blue all the time
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Go tell the undertaker to fix that old coffin of mine

Lord, help us to get right!

I'm scared to stay here, I'm scared to leave this town
I'm scared to stay here, I'm scared to leave this town
But a feeling just tells me to burn this house on down
Tear this house on down