

# Death Letter

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I got a letter this mornin, how do you reckon it read?  
It said, "Hurry, hurry, yeah, your love is dead"  
I got a letter this mornin, I say how do you reckon it read?  
You know, it said, "Hurry, hurry, how come the gal you love is dead?"  
So, I grabbed up my suitcase, and took off down the road  
When I got there she was layin on a coolin' board  
I grabbed up my suitcase, and I said and I took off down the road  
I said, but when I got there she was already layin on a coolin' board  
Well, I walked up right close, looked down in her face  
Said, the good ol' gal got to lay here 'til the Judgment Day  
I walked up right close, and I said I looked down in her face  
I said the good ol' gal, she got to lay here 'til the Judgment Day  
Looked like there was 10,000 people standin' round the buryin' ground  
I didn't know I loved her 'til they laid her down  
Looked like 10,000 were standin' round the buryin' ground  
You know I didn't know I loved her 'til they damn laid her down  
Lord, have mercy on my wicked soul  
I wouldn't mistreat you baby, for my weight in gold  
I said, Lord, have mercy on my wicked soul  
You know I wouldn't mistreat nobody, baby, not for my weight in gold  
Well, I folded up my arms and I slowly walked away  
I said, "Farewell honey, I'll see you on Judgment Day"  
Ah, yeah, oh, yes, I slowly walked away  
I said, "Farewell, farewell, I'll see you on the Judgment Day"  
You know I went in my room, I bowed down to pray  
The blues came along and drove my spirit away  
I went in my room, I said I bowed down to pray  
I said the blues came along and drove my spirit away  
You know I didn't feel so bad, 'til the good ol' sun went down  
I didn't have a soul to throw my arms around  
I didn't feel so bad, 'til the good ol' sun went down  
You know, I didn't have nobody to throw my arms around  
I loved you baby, like I love myself  
You don't have me, you won't have nobody else  
I loved you baby, better than I did myself  
I said now if you don't have me, I didn't want you to have nobody else  
You know, it's hard to love someone that don't love you  
Ain't no satisfaction, don't care what in the world you do  
Yeah, it's hard to love someone that don't love you  
You know it don't look like satisfaction, don't care what in the world you do  
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Got up this mornin', just about the break of day  
A-huggin' the pillow where she used to lay  
Got up this mornin', just about the break of day  
A-huggin' the pillow where my good gal used to lay  
Got up this mornin', feelin' round for my shoes  
You know, I must-a had them old walkin' blues  
Got up this mornin', feelin' round for my shoes  
Yeah, you know bout that, I must-a had them old walkin' blues  
You know, I cried last night and all the night before  
Gotta change my way a livin', so I don't have to cry no more  
You know, I cried last night and all the night before  
Gotta change my way a livin', you see, so I don't have to cry no more  
Ah, hush, thought I heard her call my name  
If it wasn't so loud and so nice and plain  
Ah, yeah  
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Well, listen, whatever you do  
This is one thing, honey, I tried to get along with you  
Yes, no tellin' what you do  
I done everything I could, just to try and get along with you  
Well, the minutes seemed like hours, hours they seemed like days  
It seemed like my good, old gal outta done stopped her low-down ways  
Minutes seemed like hours, hours they seemed like days  
Seems like my good, old gal outta done stopped her low-down ways  
You know, love's a hard ol' fall, make you do things you don't wanna do  
Love sometimes leaves you feeling sad and blue  
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