

# Betty La Rue

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She was three days late, two dollars short  
And her eyes were red and blinkin'  
Betty La Rue took a downer or two  
And then she started drinkin'

Reverend Lee he was down on his knees  
He was prayin' while she was sinkin'  
Betty La Rue had a bottle or two  
Just to ease the pain of thinkin'

I was out back by the railroad track  
When I heard the preacher sayin'  
"Betty La Rue, you know, the trouble with you  
Is you never spent enough time prayin'"

[Chorus]  
And she said, "Back off, man  
Don't you understand?  
I'm oh, so tired of cryin',  
Lost my child and my man's in jail  
And I'd just as soon be dyin'"

Oh, the Preacher called for Doctor Hall  
And the good man he came flyin'  
He looked in her eyes and he held her hand  
And he said, "This poor girl's dying."

Betty La Rue had a guilt or two  
And she know she was in danger  
When a light in the skies hit her right in they eyes  
And she saw a shining stranger

[Chorus]

The shining man seemed to understand  
And his eyes were clear and steady  
He held his hand, like a natural man  
He said, "We'll go when you're ready"

Betty La Rue didn't know what to do  
And her heart was filled with sorrow  
But, she took his hand to the promised land  
Where she found a bright tomorrow

The Doctor sighed and said, "She's died!"  
But, we did our best to save her  
There's no one to blame, it's a crying shame  
The raw deal that life gave her."

[Chorus]

Hallelujah-Glory Hallelujah  
Betty La Rue, Betty La Rue's gone to heaven