

Roberta

Leadbelly

Oh Roberta! Honey where you been so long?
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Yes I been across the country
With my long clothes on
Hon' I'm down on the river
Sittin' down on the ground
Way down on the river
Sittin' down on the ground
Gonna stay right here Lord
Until Roberta come down
Oh Roberta! Tell me where you been so long
Oh Roberta! Tell me where you been so long
'Cross the country
With my long clothes on
[holler]He went down to see Roberta
And Roberta was runnin' on a freight passenger trains
And she got tired of seein' him at the station
And she went to runnin' on the steamboat
He went down on the banks of the river
When he got on the banks of the river
He looked way up the river for Roberta[/holler]
Oh Roberta! Sit down on my knee
Oh Roberta! Sit down on my knee
Got a lot to tell you
That's been worryin' me
Way up the river, far as I can see
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Lord I thought I spied my
Old time used-to-be
[holler]He thought he spied Roberta
Wasn't nothin' but a cypress tree[/holler]
Lord I thought I spied my
Old time used-to-be
Yes I thought I spied my
Old time used-to-be
And it was not nothin'
Honey but a cypress tree
[holler]When he was down on the river
Sittin' down on the banks of the river [fluffs a word
here]]
Roberta come along[/holler]
Hon' I'm down on the river
Sittin' down on the ground
Way down on the river
Sittin' down on the ground
Gonna stay right here Lord
Until Roberta come down
Oh Roberta! Tell me where you been so long
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[outro, 3 bars end on I7]