When she walked on down the street She was like a child staring at her feet

But when she passed the bar and she heard the music play She had to go in and sing it had to be that way She had to go in and sing it had to be that way

And I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day
And I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day

After the applause had died down And the people drifted away

She climbed down off the bar and went out the door
To the hotel that she called home
It had greenish walls a bathroom in the hall

And I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day And I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day And I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day And I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day And I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day And I said no, no, no oh, Lady Day . . .