

Blues for Mama

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Hey Lordy Mama
I heard you wasn't feeling good
They're spreading dirty rumors
All around the neighborhood
They say, "You're mean and evil
And don't know what to do
That's the reason that he's gone
And left you black and blue"
Hey yeah
Tell me what you gonna do now

They say, "He's left you all alone
To weather this old storm
He's got another woman now
Hanging on his arm", yeah yeah yeah
That old fool's telling everybody
"He's sick and tired of you"
Hey Lordy, Lordy Mama
What you gonna do
Hey yeah
Tell me what you gonna do

They say, "You love to fuss and fight
And bring a good man down
And don't know how to treat him
When he takes you on the town"
They say, "You ain't behind him
And just don't understand
And think that you're a woman
But acting like a man"
Hey Lordy Mama
What you gonna do now

Get your nerves together, baby
And set the record straight
Set it straight
Let the whole round world know it wasn't you
That cause this bitter fate
All these years you loved him
And he knows it's true
'Cause what you're wanting for your man
Is what he's wanting, too
Hey yeah
Tell me what you gonna do now

When you love a man enough
You're bound to disagree
'Cause ain't nobody perfect
'Cause ain't nobody free
Hey Lordy Mama
Tell me what you gonna do
What you gonna do