

## AAB Lyrics Examples

### “Down the Dirt Road Blues”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzcCQJ3F\\_eQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzcCQJ3F_eQ)

-Charline Patton

I'm goin' away to Illinois

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I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long

My rider got somethin', she's tryin'a keep it hid

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Lord, I got somethin' to find that somethin' with

I feel like choppin', chips flyin' everywhere

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I've been to the Nation, Lord, but I couldn't stay there

Some people say them oversea blues ain't bad

(Why, of course they are)

Some people say them oversea blues ain't bad

(What was a-matter with 'em)

It must not a-been them oversea blues I had

Every day seem like murder here

(My God, I'm no sheriff)

Every day seem like murder here

I'm gonna leave tomorrow, I know you don't bid my care

Can't go down any dirt road by myself

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(My Lord, who ya gonna carry?)

I don't carry mine, gonna carry me someone else

### “Standin' in the Rain Blues”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObdCkZ0cFOw>

-Bessie Smith

Standin' in the rain and ain't a drop fell on me

Standin' in the rain and ain't a drop fell on me

My clothes is all wet but my flesh is as dry as can be

It can rain all day, I ain't got no place to go

It can rain all day, I ain't got no place to go

Because it's cold outside in that ice and snow

If it rains five days that won't give me no blues  
If it rains five days that won't give me no blues  
I've got my raincoat and hat, umbrella, boots and shoes  
Rain, rain, rain don't rain on me all day  
Rain, rain, rain don't rain on me all day  
'Cause if I get too wet, I've got to go into the house and stay

### **“Louisiana Blues”**

<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=hvs5xxLT50>

-Muddy Waters

Well you know blues and trouble  
Keep on worryin' me  
Well blues and trouble, child  
Just keep on worryin' me  
Well, you know, they bother me so bad  
I just can't stay here, no peace  
Well you know if I could get lucky  
And win my train fare home  
Well you know if I happen to get lucky  
Honey, and win my train fare home  
Well you know I believe I'll go back down in Clarksdale  
Little girl, that's where I belong  
Spoken: All right, let's go home this mornin', man

Well, you know it seems so sad  
Child, I wonder just how can it be  
Well, you know it seems so sad  
Sugar, I wonder just how can it be  
Well you know everybody's seen America  
And this no place for me

### **“Hound Dog”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoHDrzw-RPg>

Written by: Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller

Performed by: Big Mama Thornton

You ain't nothing but a hound dog  
Been snoopin' 'round the door  
You ain't nothing but a hound dog  
Been snoopin' 'round my door  
You can wag your tail  
But I ain't gonna feed you no more

You told me you was high-class  
But I could see through that  
Yes, you told me you was high-class  
But I could see through that  
And daddy, I know  
You ain't no real cool cat

You ain't nothing but a hound dog  
Been snoopin' 'round the door  
You're just an old hound dog  
Been snoopin' 'round my door  
You can wag your tail  
But I ain't gonna feed you no more, oh play it on Sam, oh!

Aw, listen to that there old hound dog  
Oh, play it, it s'all right in here  
Oh, listen to that there old hound dog holler  
Oh, play it boy, play it  
Oh, you make me feel good  
Oh, do the mess around right now, yeah  
Now wag your tail  
Oh, get it now  
Oh, get it now, get it, get it, get it  
Oh, go, holler boy

You made me feel so blue  
You made me weep and moan  
You made me feel so blue  
Well you made me weep and moan  
'Cause you ain't looking for a woman  
All you lookin' is for a home

You ain't nothing but a hound dog  
Quit snoopin' 'round the door  
You ain't nothing but a hound dog  
Quit snoopin' 'round my door  
You can wag your tail  
But I ain't gonna feed you no more, oh!