

Happy Birthday Blues

J. Sample, W. Jennings (performed by B. B. King)

16-bar verses, 8-bar chorus

[8-bars intro in same key]

Baby lights her cigarette
And she takes a look around
She says that old morning sun
Sure does get her down
Nothing else for her to see
So then she calls on me
Just to help her lose
Those happy birthday blues

Grandpa takes a drink of wine
And tells it like it was
Tells me all he wants to do
Is what everybody does
Say he'd give the world
For a little girl
Just to help him lose
Those happy birthday blues

Chorus [x2]

Happy birthday blues
Happy birthday blues
Got to pay your dues
Those happy birthday blues

In and out and on and on
Everybody goes
And where the fun finally stops
Everybody knows
Girl, it's me and you
Doing what we do
Just one way to lose
Those happy birthday blues

Chorus [x3]

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