

Walter Davis

"Mama Why Don't You Be Yourself?"

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piano

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My baby looked for me

Way late hours in the night

My baby, she looked for me

Way late hours in the night

But Lord, I never came home

'Till the sun was shinin' bright

Now

Mama, why don't you try to be yo'self?

'Ah, be yo'self

Mmm, mama, why don't you try to be yo'self?

Because I always will love you, baby

When I don't love nobody else

I was 'cused of murdering

An I had to deny my name

Now, I was 'cused of murdering

An I had to deny my name

Now my girl don't love me

But my mother love me just the same

The girl that I'm loving

She don't mean me no good

The girl that I'm loving

She don't mean me no good

An I don't love nobody

'Round in this neighborhood

Spoken:

'I been beggin' her for two weeks

Just to be herself

My babe don't treat me good, no mo'

Keep me worried all the time'

'Play them blues for me'.

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