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Smith Bessie "Worried Life Blues"

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This blues by Bessie Smith was recorded on October 1,

1929 in New York,

with James P. Johnson at the piano.

I lived a life but nothing I've gained

Each day I'm full of sorrow and pain

No one seems enough for poor me

To give me a word of sympathy

Oh me, oh my

Wonder what will the end be

Oh me, oh my

Wonder what will become of poor me

No father to guide, no mother to care

Must bear my troubles all alone

Not even a brother to help me share

This burden I must bear alone

Oh me, oh my

Wonder what will the end be

Oh me, oh my

Wonder what will become of poor me

I'm sittin' and thinkin' of the days gone by

They fills my heart with pain

I'm too weak to stand and too strong to lie

But I'm forgettin' it all in vain

Oh me, oh my

Wonder what will the end be

Oh me, oh my

Wonder what will become of poor me

I've travelled and wandered almost everywhere

To get a little joy from life

Still I've gained but worries and despair

Still struggling in this world of strife

Oh me, oh my

Wonder what will the end be

Oh me, oh my

Wonder what will become of poor me

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