

## **Bessie Smith**

# **"Dirty No-gooder's Blues"**

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Did you ever fall in love with a man that was no good?  
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No matter what you did for him, he never understood

The meanest thing he could say would thrill you  
through and through  
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And there wasn't nothin' too dirty for that man to do

He'd treat you nice and kind till he win your heart and  
hand  
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hand  
Then he git so cruel that man, you just could not stand

Lawd, I really don't think no man's love can last  
Lawd, I don't think no man's love can last  
They'll love you to death then treat you like a thing of  
the past

There's nineteen men livin' in my neighborhood  
There's nineteen men livin' in my neighborhood  
Eighteen of them are fools and the one ain't no  
doggone good

Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd  
Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd, Lawd  
That dirty no-good man treats me just like I'm a dog

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