

## **Bessie Smith**

# **"Down In The Dumps"**

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My man's got somethin', he gives me such a thrill  
Every time he smiles at me, I can't keep my body still  
I done cried so much, look like I've got the mumps  
I can't keep from worryin', 'cause I'm down in the  
dumps

I had a nightmare last night, when I laid down  
When I woke up this mornin', my sweet man couldn't be  
found  
I'm goin' down to the river, into it I'm goin' to jump  
Can't keep from worryin', 'cause I'm down in the dumps

Someone knocked on my door, last night when I was  
asleep  
I thought it was that sweet man of mine, makin' his  
'fore day creep  
Wasn't nothin' but my landlord, a great big chump  
Stay away from my door, Mr. Landlord, 'cause I'm down  
in the dumps

When I woke up, my pillow was wet with tears  
Just one day from that man of mine  
Seems like a thousand years  
But I'm gonna straighten up, straighter than Andy  
Gump  
Ain't no use of me tellin' that lie, 'cause I'm down in the  
dumps

I'm twenty-five years old, that ain't no old maid  
I got plenty of vim and vitality, I'm sure that I can make  
the grade  
I'm always like a tiger, I'm ready to jump  
I need a whole lots of lovin', 'cause I'm down in the  
dumps

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