

Bessie Smith

"Empty Bed Blues"

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I woke up this morning with a awful aching head
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My new man had left me, just a room and a empty bed
Bought me a coffee grinder that's the best one I could
find
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find
Oh he could grind my coffee, cause he had a brand
new grind
He's a deep sea diver with a stroke that can't go wrong
He's a deep sea diver with a stroke that can't go wrong
He can stay at the bottom and his wind holds out so
long
He knows how to thrill me and he thrills me night and
day
Oh he knows how to thrill me, he thrills me night and
day
He's got a new way of loving, almost takes my breath
away
Lord he's got that sweet somethin' and I told my
girlfriend Lou
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Lou
From the way she's raving, she must have gone and
tried it too
(Part 2:)
When my bed get empty make me feel awful mean and
blue
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blue
My springs are getting rusty, sleeping single like I do
Bought him a blanket, pillow for his head at night
Bought him a blanket, pillow for his head at night
Then I bought him a mattress so he could lay just right
He came home one evening with his beret way up high
He came home one evening with his beret way up high
What he had to give me, make me wring my hands and
cry
He give me a lesson that I never had before
He give me a lesson that I never had before
When he got to teachin' me, from my elbow down was
sore

He poured my first cabbage and he made it awful hot
He poured my first cabbage and he made it awful hot
When he put in the bacon, it overflowed the pot

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