

Bessie Smith

"Graveyard Dream Blues"

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This blues was written by Ida Cox. Bessie Smith recorded it on 26 September 1923 with Jimmy Jones at the piano, just weeks after Ida's recording (on June 23 with Lovie Austin's Blues Serenaders)
Blues on my mind, blues all around my head
Blues on my mind, and blues all around my head
I dreamed last night that the man that I love was dead
I went to the graveyard, fell down on my knees

I went to the graveyard, fell down on my knees
And I asked the gravedigger to give me back my real good man please
The gravedigger look me in the eye
The gravedigger look me in the eye
Said "I'm sorry lady but your man has said his last goodbye"
I wrung my hands and I wanted to scream
I wrung my hands and I wanted to scream
But when I woke up I found it was only a dream

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