

## Bessie Smith

### "Keeps On A-Rainin'"

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One dark and stormy night, Bill Jones was feeling blue  
Things didn't seem just right, so he didn't know just  
what to do

I said: Bill, please tell me, ain't you satisfied?  
He looked around so pitiful, then to me he replied

Keeps on a-rainin', look how it's rainin'  
Papa he can't make no time  
Wind keeps blowing, cold wind blowing  
Soon I'll find a southern clime<sup>1</sup>  
In the wintertime when it starts to snow  
You know you pretty mama's got to have some dough  
Keeps on rainin', look how it's rainin'  
Papa he can't make no time

Ain't the snow just beautiful, some people say  
But I'd rather see it in a moving picture play  
Keeps on snowin', look how it's snowin'  
Papa he can't make no time

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Note: subtitle "Papa, He Can't Make No Money";

Note 1: clime, climate.

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