

## Bessie Smith

### "Mean Old Bed Bug Blues"

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Gals, bed bugs sure is evil, they don't mean me no  
good  
Yeah, bed bug sure is evil, they don't mean me no  
good  
Thinks he's a woodpecker and I'm a chunk of wood

When I lay down at night, I wonder how can a poor gal  
sleep  
When I lay down at night, I wonder how can a poor gal  
sleep  
When some is holding my hand, others eating my feet

Bed bug as big as a jackass<sup>1</sup>, will bite you and stand  
and grin  
Bed bug as big as a jackass, will bite you and stand  
and grin  
Will drink all the bed bur for them turn around and bite  
you again

Something moan in the corner, I went over and see  
Something moan in the corner, I went over and see  
It was the bed bug a prayin', Lord, gimme some more  
cheese

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Note 1: jackass, male donkey. In other context also  
used for a stupid person or a fool.

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