

## **Bessie Smith**

### **"Worn Out Papa Blues"**

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Papa, papa, you in a good man's way  
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I can find one better than you any time of day

You ain't no good so you better haul your freight  
You ain't no good, you better haul your freight  
Mama wants the live wire, papa, you can take the gate

I'm a red hot woman just full of flamin' youth  
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You can't cool me, daddy, you no good, that's the truth

All my time I wasted havin' you to bother me  
All my time I wasted havin' you to bother me  
You give me the willingness, now I'm glad I'm free

I'm one woman, don't want no, no good man  
Yes, I'm one woman, don't want no, no good man  
You just like a worn out badly be neglected thing

Yo, you've done failed, all your pep done gone  
Yo, you've done failed, all your pep done gone  
Pick up that suitcase, man, and travel on

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