

Big Bill Broonzy

"I Feel So Good"

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I got a letter, it come to me by mail
My baby says she's comin' home
And I hope that she don't fail

You know I feel so good
Yes I feel so good
Now I feel so good
I feel like ballin' the jack

I feel so good, I hope I always will
I feel just like a jack out with a jenny
Well behind the hill

I feel so good
Yes I feel so good
I feel so good
I feel like ballin' the jack

I'm goin' down to the station, just to meet a train
I'd like to see my baby
Know I've got dead aim

Because I feel so good
Yes I feel so good
I feel so good
I feel like ballin' the jack

I love my tea, crazy 'bout my Gordon gin
When I get high now baby
Feel like floatin' 'round in the wind

'Cause I feel so good
Yes I feel so good
I feel so good baby
I feel like ballin' the jack

Note: Muddy Waters did a studio recording of the song with similar lyrics in June/July 1959 as part of a tribute to Big Bill. It was recorded again live at Newport with Muddy singing the verses in a different order.

Memphis Slim recorded the song in January 1961 in NYC, adding a verse between Big Bill's 2nd and 3rd:

When I'm with my baby, I mean all alone
I don't even have to worry
'Cause notice what is goin' on

A few years later he recorded a shorter version titled "Ballin' The Jack".

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