

## Ellington Duke

# "I Got It Bad (and That Ain't Good)"

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The poets say that all who love are blind;  
But I'm in love and I know what time it is!  
The Good Book says "Go seek and ye shall find."  
Well, I have sought and my what a climb it is!  
My life is just like the weather  
It changes with the hours;  
When he's near I'm fair and warmer  
When he's gone I'm cloudy with showers;  
in emotion, like the ocean it's either sink or swim  
When a woman loves a man like I love him.  
Never treats me sweet and gentle the way he should;  
I Got It Bad And That Ain't Good!  
My poor heart is sentimental not made of wood  
I Got It Bad And That Ain't Good!  
But when the weekend's over and Monday rolls aroun'

I end up like I start out just cryin' my heart out  
He don't love me like I love him nobody could  
I Got It Bad And That Ain't Good  
Like a lonely weeping willow lost in the wood  
I Got It Bad And That Ain't Good!  
And the things I tell my pillow no woman should  
I Got It Bad And That Ain't Good!  
Tho folks with good intentions ell me to save my tears  
I'm glad I'm mad about him I can't live without him  
Lord above me make him love me the way he should  
I Got It Bad And That Ain't Good..

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