

## Ethel Waters

### "Poor Man's Grave"

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I.

I know a man who had nothing  
He was a poor man all his life  
He lived in a shack by the roadside  
With starving kids and a loving wife

II.

He went to church every Sunday  
He prays from morning until night, he said  
Good Lord, why have you forsaken me  
When everything I did I thought was right

Refrain:

Now my Life is coming to an end  
There's only one thing I'm wishing for  
All my days I have never sinned  
So I hope you wont ignore  
What I'm asking for...

Chorus I:

Oh honey when I die  
Dress me up in a coat and tie  
Give my feet a pair of shoes  
That I haven't wore in a long time  
Put me in a golden box  
Not a cross on a pile of rocks  
Bury me where the grass is green  
And the gates are shining...

Chorus II:

Oh honey when I die  
Give me a bed of roses  
Where I could lie  
I'm gonna use up all the money that I saved  
'Coz I don't wanna lie in a poor man's grave...

III.

I know a man who had nothing  
He dreamed of satin sheets all his life  
He lived and worked like a dog  
Licking every boot he sees just to survive

IV.

He comes home drunk every night  
Wakes up the kids and talks to his wife, he said  
Honey you have been so good to me  
I only wish we had a better life

Refrain II:

And now my lifes coming to an end  
There's only one thing I'm wishing for  
All my days I have lived in shame  
So I hope you wont ignore  
Just what I'm asking for...

Chorus I:

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That I haven't wore in a long time  
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Chorus III:

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