

## **Ma Rainey**

# **"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"**

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Now, you heard the rest  
Ah, boys, I'm gonna show you the best  
Ma Rainey's gonna show you her black bottom

Way down south in Alabama  
I got a friend, they call dancin' Sammy  
Who's crazy about all the latest dances  
Black bottom stomps and the Jew baby prances

The other night at a swell affair  
Soon as the boys found out that I was there  
They said, "Come on, Ma let's go to the cabaret"  
Where that band you ought to hear me say"

I want to see that dance you call the black bottom  
I wanna learn that dance  
Don't you see the dance you call your big black bottom  
That'll put you in a trance

All the boys in the neighborhood  
They say your black bottom is really good  
Come on and show me your black bottom  
I want to learn that dance

I want to see the dance you call the black bottom  
I want to learn that dance  
Come on and show that dance you call your big black  
bottom  
It puts you in a trance

Early last morning 'bout the break of day  
Grandpa told my grandma, I heard him say  
Get up and show your old man your black bottom  
I want to learn that dance

Now I'm gonna show y'all my black bottom  
They stay to see that dance  
Wait until you see me do my big black bottom  
I'll put you in a trance

Ah, do it ma, do it, honey  
Look it now Ma, you gettin' kinda rough here

You gotta be yourself now, careful now  
Not too strong, not too strong, Ma

I done shown y'all my black bottom  
You ought to learn that dance

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