

## Chuck Willis "Betty And Dupree"

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Betty told Dupree, "I want a diamond ring"  
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Dupree told Betty, "I'll give you most anything"

He said, "Lie down, little Betty, see what tomorrow  
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It may bring sunshine, may bring you that diamond  
ring"

Then he got his pistol, went to the jewelry store  
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Killed a policeman and he wounded four or five more

Then he went to the post office to get the evening mail  
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Sheriff caught poor Dupree and put him in that old  
Atlanta jail

Dupree's mother said to Betty, "Looka' here what you  
done done"  
Dupree's mother said to Betty, "Looka' here what you  
done done"  
Made my boy rob and steal, now he is gonna be hung"

Betty went to the jailhouse, she could not see Dupree  
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She told the jailer, "Tell him these words for me

I come to see you, baby, I could not see your face  
I come to see you, baby, I could not see your face

You know I love you, but I cannot take your place"

Sail on, sail on, sail on, Dupree, sail on  
Sail on, sail on, sail on, Dupree, sail on  
You don't mind sailing, you'll be gone so doggone long

Betty and Dupree traditional

Dupree was a bandit; he was so brave and bol'

He stole a diamond ring for some of Betty's jelly roll  
Betty tol' Dupree, "I want a diamond ring"  
Dupree tol' Betty, "I'll give you anything"

"Michigan water taste like cherry wine  
The reason I know, Betty drink it all the time  
"I'm going away to the end of the railroad track  
Nothing but sweet Betty can bring me back

Dupree tol' the lawyer, "Clear me if you can  
For I have money to back me, sure as I'm a man  
The lawyer tol' Dupree, you are a very brave man  
But I think you will go to jail and hang"

Dupree tol' the judge, "I am not so brave and bol'  
But all I wanted was Betty's jelly roll"  
The judge tol' Dupree, "Jelly roll's gonna be your ruin  
"No, no, judge, for that is what I done quit doing"

The judge tol' Dupree, "I believe you quit too late  
Because it is already your fate

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