

## Sonny Boy Williamson

### "Alcohol Blues"

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Alcohol Blues Track#16 2:46  
Sonny Boy Williamson I (John Lee)  
(John Lee Williamson)  
Chicago, September 19, 1947  
with Eddie Boyd - piano, Willie Lacey - guitar  
Ransom Knowling - sb, Judge Riley - drums  
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I went down 31st Street, now  
Just to buy me a drink of alcohol, honey  
I went down 31st Street, now  
Just to buy me a drink of alcohol, now  
I told the old man to cut it half full a-water  
But that old man, y'know, didn't-a put any drop at all in

So, I'm drinkin' mine straight alley can  
See, an I went jus' staggerin' on down the street, now  
I drinkin' my straight alley can, now

So I went jus' staggerin' down the street, now  
Now but my head got so heavy  
My eyes couldn't even give a-peepin', now

Alright, Lacey

(guitar & instrumental) ee!

My baby tells me, 'Papa, Papa'  
She says, 'Sonny Boy, you know you ain't no good at all  
now'  
My baby tell me, 'Papa, Papa' now  
She says 'Sonny Boy, you know you ain't no good at all'  
She says, 'The reason you don't make me happy  
Because you drink too much of this old alcohol now'

I said, 'But baby won't you go ridin' now  
Oh, can I take you ridin' in my car now?'  
I said, 'But baby won't you go ridin' now  
Can I take you ridin' wit me in my car now?'

She said, 'But I'm scared you gonna drink alcohol  
Says, Sonny Boy, then we wouldn't ride very far.

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