

## Sonny Boy Williamson

### "Low Down Ways"

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With Speckled Red (Rufus Perryman) - piano

Probably Willie Hacher - mandolin and Robert Lee McCoy - gtr

Now listen here, baby  
Do you think I'm gonna be yo' fool?  
Do what you think, baby  
You want Sonny Boy, to be yo' mule?  
A-ev'rytime I meet you, baby  
Walkin' up an down the street  
You walk by me, smilin'  
Act like you don't wanna speak

But I, little girl  
I've got tired of your low down, dirty ways  
Well, now drinkin' whiskey an runnin' round  
Little girl, that's all you crave

Well now, an I give you my money, baby  
N' you left me cold in hand  
You took my money, an you know you  
Started to raisin' sand  
You start to hittin' in bootleggers  
Drivin' 'em ev'ry whiskey hide she knows it  
Ridin' up an down the street  
An you know with Mr. So and So

But little girl  
I'm tired of yo' low down, dirty ways  
Well now, drinkin' whiskey an runnin' around  
I just declare that's all you crave

Well now, I was gonna by you a Packard, baby  
I was gonna by you a \*Packard 2  
I was gonna by you a Cadillac, you know

Just to try an get along wit'ch you  
I was goin' down to the jewelry sto'  
An I was gonna buy you diamonds ring  
But now you won't treat me nice  
An I ain't gonna buy you a doggone thing

But little girl  
I'm tired of yo' low down, dirty way  
Well now, drinkin' whiskey an runnin' around  
I just declare that's all you crave

(harmonica & instrumental)

Well now-a my mother told me one thing  
You know my father sayed the same  
You runnin' around with this little girl  
Sonny, that's gonna change yo' name  
But I won't pay 'em no mind  
A-I'll continue to drink  
I don't never said I want change  
You know an just sit and think

But I've got tired  
Of this little girl's low down, dirty ways  
Now an when I leave her this time  
I swear I'm gonna away 'n stay.

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\*Packard - 2 was a 4 door sedan.

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