

Sonny Boy Williamson

"Shannon Street Blues"

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Sonny Boy Williamson I (John Lee)
(John Lee Williamson)
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With Yank Rachell - mandolin, Walter Davis - piano
Joe Williams - guitar.
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I went down on Shannon Street
Now to buy some alcohol
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I told him to put it half-full a-water
But they didn't put it in any drop at all

So, I drunk my straight whiskey
Now an I staggered on in the street
So, I drink my straight whiskey
Now an I staggered on in the street
Now but my head got so heavy
That my eyes couldn't even give a peep

Lacey tells me, 'Papa, papa'
Well, you ain't no good at all'
Lacey tells me, 'Papa, papa'
Well, you ain't no good at all'
Now she say, 'You don't make me happy
So long as you fool with this alcohol'

Sometimes I tell her, 'Oooh
Lacey, this alcohol is killin' me'
Sometimes I tell her, 'Oooh
Lacey, this alcohol is killin' me'
Well, now they told me if I didn't quit drinkin'
In some lonesome cemetery I would be

(harmonica & instrumental)

I say, 'Lacey baby, won't you go ridin'

Can an take you ridin' wit' me in my car?
I say, 'Lacey, baby won't you go ridin'
Can an take you ridin' wit' me in my car?
She says, 'Sonny Boy, I'm scared you'll get a drink a-
whiskey
An I'm scared that we won't ride very fer.

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