

## Memphis Minnie

### "Ma Rainey"

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I was thinking about Ma Rainey, wonder where could Ma Rainey be<sup>1</sup>

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I been looking for her, even been 'n old Tennessee

She was born in Georgia, traveled all over this world  
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And she's the best blues singer, peoples, I ever heard

When she made Bo Weavil Blues<sup>2</sup>, I was living way down the line  
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Every time I hear that record, I just couldn't keep from crying

Hmmmm, hmmmmm  
Hmmmm, hmmmmm  
Hmmmm, hmmmmsmmmm

People it sure look lonesome since Ma Rainey been gone  
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But she left little Minnie to carry the good works on

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Note 1: Minnie's tribute to Ma Rainey was recorded about six months after Ma Rainey's death;  
Note 2: Bo Weavil Blues, recorded in December 1923, was Ma Rainey's first record and it was also her first hit.

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