

## Mississippi Fred McDowell "What's The Matter Now"

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What's The Matter Now 4:56 Trk 10

Mississippi Fred McDowell

Recorded Sept. 25, 1959, Como Mississippi  
(previously unreleased)

Fred McDowell - guitar & vocal

w/unk 'broom sweeping' background

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Note: 2 women on track with spoken comments  
having fun throughout song. (poss. 3rd ,young man)  
#1 prob. standing in back, #2 prob. broomsweeper.

Unk 1: 'Thought I would stand in the back

I gotta hear those.'

Fred begins:

Well, what's the matter now?

Unk 1 'She left'

'Yeah-yeah-yeah'

'Ooh, what she's doin'

Lord, I wonder

Baby, what's the matter now?

Unk 1 'Lord! Hoo!

Unk 2

Unk 1 'She left you'

Where were you when that

Little rooster crowed 'fore day?

Unk 1 'You go'd a-plenty out'

'You know where I was!'

Unk 2 'Don't tell!'

It was soon one mornin'

Baby, ev'rything was quiet

(Yeah!) (Hoo!)

Unk 'Good sound, Fred'

It was soon one mornin'

When ev'rything was quiet

(guitar)

Unk 1 'On my merry way, like he goin'

Unk 2 'You better tell him to stop then!  
Unk 2 'I can't stop him!'  
Unk 1 'You better!'

Lord, bring me my pistol  
Lord, my shotgun, too  
poss Unk 3 'Book him, now'  
Unk 2  
Bring me my pistol  
Bring me my shotgun, too  
Unk 1 'Bet he kill little birdies'  
Unk 1 'Little lambs, too'  
If I meet my baby's nigger  
Ain't no tellin' what he might do  
Unk 1 'He, right'  
Unk 1 'Um-hm'

(guitar)

Unk 3 'You ain't know'd his name'

Well, it's bye-bye, baby  
I ain't got no mo' t'say  
Well, it's bye-bye, baby  
I ain't got no-oooh mo' t'say

(guitar)

Unk 1 'Sayin' them, THINGS!'  
Unk 2 'Go ahead 'n pull!'  
Unk 2 'I can't keep doin' this broom!  
Be happy if He Shot Me!'  
'He try then, he see'  
I'd rather see my mama  
You come in sloppy drunk  
(Yes, yes)

Ruther see my mama  
Come in-in-in sloppy drunk  
Then to see my baby, Lord  
Packin' up her trunk

Unk 'Who says?'

Well, it's bye-bye, baby  
Lord, if you call that gone

Well, it's bye-bye  
If you call that gone.

(Alright!)

(Yeah!)  
ha-ha-ha

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