

Mississippi John Hurt

"Richland's Woman Blues"

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Gimme red lipstick and a bright purple rouge
A shingle bob haircut¹ and a shot of good boo'
Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' your horn
If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone

Come along young man, everything settin' right
My husbands goin' away till next Saturday night
Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' you horn
If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone

Now, I'm raring to go, got red shoes on my feet
My mind is sittin' right for a Tin Lizzie² seat
Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' you horn
If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone

The red rooster said, "Cockle-doodle-do-do"
The Richard's' woman said, "Any dude will do"
Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' you horn
If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone

With rosy red garters, pink hose on my feet
Turkey red bloomer, with a rumble seat
Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' you horn
If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone

Every Sunday mornin', church people watch me go
My wings sprouted out, and the preacher told me so
Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' you horn
If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone

Dress skirt cut high, then they cut low
Don't think I'm a sport, keep on watchin' me go
Hurry down, sweet daddy, come blowin' you horn
If you come too late, sweet mama will be gone

Note 1: a woman's haircut with the hair trimmed short from the back of the head to the nape;

Note 2: nickname for the Model T Ford automobile (1915), a small inexpensive first time mass-produced early automobile.

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