

Nick Cave And The Bad Seeds "Black Betty"

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(Leadbelly)

A traditional version is also available.

Look-a look-a yonder (3x)
Well the sun done gone
The captain can't hold her (3x)
The way I do now
Ada got a gold mine (3x)
Way above her knees
The shiv (?) is golden (3x)
Above her knees
Look-a look-a yonder (3x)
Well the sun done gone
Wohoh, Black Betty, bam-e-lam (2x)
Black Betty had a baby, bam-e-lam (2x)
Damn thing was crazy, bam-e-lam (2x)
Wohoh, Black Betty, bam-e-lam (2x)
Oh, Betty Black Betty, bam-e-lam (2x)
Black Betty had a baby, bam-e-lam (2x)
Damn thing was crazy, bam-e-lam (2x)
Black Betty didn't mind, bam-e-lam (2x)
Damn thing was blind, bam-e-lam (2x)
Wohoh, Black Betty, bam-e-lam (2x)
Black Betty, Black Betty, bam-e-lam (2x)
Jump steady Black Betty, bam-e-lam (2x)
That Monday, I was arrested
Tuesday, I locked up in jail
Wednesday baby, my trial's tested
On Thursday, nobody could blow my bail
Yes, I'm almost done (3x)
And I ain't gonna yell against no bells
On Monday, baby I went a-walking
Tuesday, I asked to go
On Wednesday I sat down a-talking
On Thursday she hock all a my clothes
Yes, I'm almost done (3x)
And I ain't gonna no more

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