

Charles Mingus

"Strollin'"

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Strollin' (Nostalgia in Times Square)
Music - Charles Mingus, Words - George Gordon
first recorded with vocals by Honi Gordon 1959

(header)

Strollin' , while strollin' through the park
on a lovely but lonely afternoon,
without a single thing on my mind
and suddenly, there he was standing
right beside me....

I started dreaming, he started scheming
things I never thought he'd do
now he tells me that we're through
I just don't know what to do
I'm all alone and oh so blue

(main verse)

I'm Strollin', I'm strollin'
I don't know where I'm going but I'm strollin'
I'm moanin', I'm moanin'
He left me for another and I'm moanin'
He said "Honi I'll never let you go,
Because I love you so"

He promised that he'd care for me
But all I saw, was misery
I stayed at home each night alone
He ran around, painted the town
I've gone and let the blues get me down
That's why I'm strollin' round

All he wanted was my money, it's funny
To think I'd live to see the day he'd shun me
He away, and I pray,
Lord please remove these clouds and make life sunny
Because I've got these blues I can't lose
I just keep strollin' round

He never took me to a show
That old routine, he had no dough
He'd stay home long enough to eat

Dress up, then go out in the street
You wondered why I feel the way I do
Well that's why I'm so blue

Yes those blues they got me
Strollin' and sighin'
I'm talking to myself to keep from cryin'
All alone, he won't phone,
I'm so darned miserable
I feel like dyin'
Because I've got the blues
I'm so confused
I just keep strollin round

(out chorus)

Now he tells me that we're through
I just don't know what to do
I'm all alone and oh so blue
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But I'm Strollin'

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