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Robert Johnson "Hell Hound On My Trail"

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l got to keep movin', l've got to keep movin' Blues fallin' down like hail, blues fallin' down like hail

Umm mmm mmm mmm Blues fallin' down like hail, blues fallin' down like hail

And the days keeps on worryin' me, there's a hellhound1 on my trail, hellhound on my trail, hellhound on my trail

If today was Christmas eve If today was Christmas eve, and tomorrow was Christmas day

If today was Christmas eve, and tomorrow was Christmas day (spoken: Aow, wouldn't we have a time, baby?) All I would need my little sweet rider just, to pass the time away, huh huh, to pass the time away

You sprinkled hot foot powder, mmm mmm, around my door, all around my door You sprinkled hot foot powder, mmm, all around your daddy's door, hmm hmm hmm It keep me with ramblin' mind, rider Every old place I go, every old place I go

I can tell, the wind is risin', the leaves tremblin' on the tree, tremblin' on the tree I can tell, the wind is risin', leaves tremblin' on the tree hmm hmm mmm All I need's my little sweet woman, and to keep my company, hmmm hmm, hey hey My company

Note 1: According to the Webster online dictionary a hellhound is a "dog of hell, named Cerberus in Greek and Roman mythology, the three-headed dog guarding the gate of Hades". It will probably stay a secret for all times what Robert exactly meant by the hellhound, but the image of the hounds of hell, coming to seize sinners, was often used in southern churches.

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