

## **Robert Johnson**

# **"Phonograph Blues"**

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Beatrice got a phonograph, and it won't say a  
lonesome word  
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lonesome word  
What evil have I done, what evil has the poor girl heard

Beatrice, I love my phonograph, but you broke my  
windin' chain  
Beatrice, I love my phonograph, but you have broke my  
windin' chain  
And you taken my lovin', and you give it to your other  
man

And we played it on the sofa, and we played it side the  
wall  
And we played it on the sofa, and we played it side the  
wall  
But boys, my needles have got rusty, and it will not play  
at all

Beatrice, I love my phonograph mmm, babe and I'm  
bound to lose my mind  
Beatrice, I love my phonograph, and I'm 'bout to lose  
my mind  
Why'n't<sup>1</sup> you bring your clothes back home, baby, and  
try me one more time

Now my phonograph, mmm, babe, it won't say a  
lonesome word  
My little phonograph, and it won't say a lonesome word  
What evil I have done, what evil have the poor girl  
heard

Now Beatrice, won't you bring your clothes back home  
Now Beatrice, won't you bring your clothes back home  
I wanna wind your little phonograph, just to hear your  
little motor moan

Note 1: alternatively "won't" instead of "why'n't", as a  
contraction of "why  
don't"

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