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"B.D. Woman's Blues"

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Comin' a time, B.D.¹ women, they ain't gonna need no men

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Oh, the way they treat us is a low down and dirty thing

B.D. women you sure can't understand

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They got a head like a sweet angel² and they walk like a nach'l³ man

B.D. women, they all done learned their thing

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They can lay their jive just like a natch'l man

B.D. women, B.D. women, you know they sure is rough

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They are drink up many a whisky and they sure can strut their stuff

B.D. women, you know they work and they make their dough⁴

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And when they get ready to spend it, they know the place where to go

Note 1: B.D., Bull Dyker, a 'male' lesbian;

Note 2: sweet angel, standard transliteration is "sweet angel" but it sounds more like "Swiss engine". Swiss engines were saddle-tank locomotives (almost cubical) used for moving timber. I would expect a bull dyker's head to look more like a Swiss engine than a sweet angel, take your pick;

Note 3: nach'l, natural;

Note 4: dough, money.

