

## **Shemekia Copeland**

# **"Never Going Back to Memphis"**

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Walked across the room  
In a neon light  
Dark pair of shades  
Blocking out the night

Smoke ring blowing  
White Owl Panatella  
There wasn't a thing  
That man couldn't sell you

He kept a 45 in a Crown Royal bag  
Wiped the fingerprints off  
Handed me the rag

I'm never going back to Memphis  
I'm never going back to Memphis

Little while later  
Sirens started screaming  
Felt like a nightmare  
But you know I wasn't dreaming

Cops walked in  
Dog pulling on a chain  
Looking for a woman  
Ran in from the rain

They sat out front eating fried chicken  
While I shivered in a shed  
Out behind the kitchen

I'm never going back to Memphis  
I'm never going back to Memphis

Don't ask when  
'Cause I'm never going back to Memphis again

The river is rising  
Sky's getting darker  
My mind keeps playing  
Some old Junior Parker

Three days waiting  
All alone by the tracks  
Lying to myself  
That man's coming back

Said he'd come around  
Unless he was dead  
Guess he took another woman  
Or a bullet in the head

I'm never going back to Memphis  
I'm never going back to Memphis

Don't ask when  
'Cause I'm never going back to Memphis again

Never going back  
To Memphis again  
Too much trouble  
You can get in

Never going back  
To Memphis again  
Never going back  
To Memphis again

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