

Sonny Boy Williamson I "Shannon Street Blues"

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(John Lee Williamson)

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with Yank Rachell - mandolin, Walter Davis - piano

Joe Williams - guitar.

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I went down on Shannon Street

Now to buy some alcohol

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I told him to put it half-full a-water

But they didn't put it in any drop at all

So, I drunk my straight whiskey

Now an I staggered on in the street

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Now an I staggered on in the street

Now but my head got so heavy

That my eyes couldn't even give a peep

Lacey tells me, 'Papa, papa'

Well, you ain't no good at all'

Lacey tells me, 'Papa, papa'

Well, you ain't no good at all'

Now she say, 'You don't make me happy

So long as you fool with this alcohol'

Sometimes I tell her, 'Oooh

Lacey, this alcohol is killin' me'

Sometimes I tell her, 'Oooh

Lacey, this alcohol is killin' me'

Well, now they told me if I didn't quit drinkin'

In some lonesome cemetery I would be

(harmonica & instrumental)

I say, 'Lacey baby, won't you go ridin'

Can an take you ridin' wit' me in my car?'

I say, 'Lacey, baby won't you go ridin'

Can an take you ridin' wit' me in my car?
She says, 'Sonny Boy, I'm scared you'll get a drink a-
whiskey
An I'm scared that we won't ride very fer.

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