

## Sonny Terry & Brownie McGhee

### "Sporting Life Blues"

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I'm tired of runnin' around, think I will marry and settle  
down

This ole sportin' life, it is a mean life, and it's killin' me

I got a letter from my home, all of my schoolmates,  
they are dead an' gone

It'll make you worry, it'll make you wonder 'bout days to  
come

My mother used to talk to me, I was young and foolish,  
Brownie could not see

Now, I have no mother, my sisters and my brothers,  
they don't care for me

Mama used to fall on her knees an' pray, these are the  
words, mother, she used to say

She would say: "Brownie, wha-oh, my son, please  
change your way"

Now, I'm goin' to change my way, I'm growin' older  
each and every day

When I was young and foolish, I was so easy, easy to  
let ...

I was a gambler and a cheater, too, now, it's come my  
turn to lose

This ole sportin' life, got the best hand, what can I do?

There ain't but one thing Brownie done wrong, I liv'd  
that ole sportin' life too long

Friends, it's no good, please believe me, please leave  
it alone

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