

Sonny Terry & Brownie McGhee

"That Good Old Jelly"

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Well, look at jelly roll baker, now, let me be your slave
Gambler blows his trumpet, I would rise from my grave
For some good old jelly, yes, that good old jelly roll
Well, it's good for the young, yes, an' it's good for the
old

Well, she says: "Can I put in an order, three weeks
ahead?
I'd rather have yo' jelly roll than my home cooked
bread
'Cause I love good old jelly, yes, that good old jelly roll"
She says: "It does me so much good, well, deep down
in my soul"

Well, you know a lady walked up and asked me:
"Talk me how to bake jelly roll"
Said: "Nobody missed just a gift from my soul"
Bake good old jelly, yes, that good old jelly roll
Well, it's just like Maxwell house coffee,
it does me good deep down in my soul

Well, you know I was sentenced for murder, murder in
the first degree
Judge's wife called up, said: "Let that man, Brownie go
free
'Cause he's a jelly roll baker, yes, bakes the best jelly
roll in town
He's the only man that can bake jelly roll, hmmm, with
his damper¹ down"

Well, now's a soldier in hospital in a war, he was shot
all full of holes
The nurse walked up and let the man to die, to get
some good old jelly roll
'Cause she loves good old jelly, oh, that good old jelly
roll
She said: "I'd rather let that man lose his life, yes, not
to miss my good old jelly roll"

Note 1: damper, a valve or plate (as in the flue of a

furnace) for regulating the draft.

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