

Gertrude "Ma" Rainey

"Jelly Bean Blues"

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If you ever wake up with your good man on your mind
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My daddy left me this morning, that's why I moan and
cry

He'll make you laugh, he'll make you cry, he'll drive
those blues away
You'll sit right down and weep and moan and then
you'll find he's went
Lord, I been wonderin' where my jelly bean¹ has gone

I can see you rider, yea, helle loo, a thousand miles
away
I just can't remember what my baby had to say
He said: see see rider, today I'm goin' away, and I
won't be back until you change your way

So back and easy rider, today that mean' goodbye
You did not worry me, you had no right to lie

Note 1: jelly bean, term of endearment for a lover.

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