

Gertrude "Ma" Rainey "Southern Blues"

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House catch on fire and ain't no water 'round
If your house catch on fire, ain't no water 'round
Throw your trunk out the window, building, burn on
down

I went to that gypsy to have my fortune told
I went to that gypsy to have my fortune told
He said, "Doggone you girlie, doggone your bad luck
soul"

I turned around, went to that gypsy next door
I turned around, went to that gypsy next door
He said, "You'll get a man anywhere you'll go"

Let me be your rag doll until your Chinee comes
Let me be your rag doll till your Chinee comes
If she beats me ragging¹, she's got to rag it some

Note 1: ragging, teasing.

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