

# Tommy McClennan

## "Bottle It Up And Go"

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RCA Studio A., A&R - Lester Melrose

Tommy McClennan - vocal & guitar

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\*Note at end

Yes, yas

Got to bottle it up an go

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Now, 'em high-power women

(guitar)

Yeah

Now, she may be old

Ninety year

She ain't too old

For the shift them gears

She gots (guitar)

'Got to do what, tell me 'gain?'

'Got to bottle it up and go'

Now, them high power women

Yeah!

Now, I told my girl

Week 'fore last

The gate she jus' came in

Just a little too fast

She had to bottle it up an go

She had to bottle it up an go'd

An them high-power women

(guitar)

Yes, yeah

Now, the nigger and the white man

Playin', set 'em up

Nigger beat the white man

Was scared to pick it up

'He had the bottle up and do what?'  
Had to bottle it up and go  
And them high-power women  
(guitar)  
Yeah

Now, look-a-here, baby  
You stay last night?  
Ain't none a yo' business  
You don't do me right

'You got t'  
(guitar)  
'Gotta do what?  
Tell me again, I don't understand?'  
I've got the bottle up and go'd  
I ain't gon' bother with 'em  
Now, them high-power women  
Yeah

Now, nickel is a nickel  
A dime is a dime  
I don' need no girl  
If she want wine

She has to  
(guitar)  
Had do what?  
Had to bottle up and go  
And them high-power women  
Yeah

Now, my mama killed a chicken  
She thought it was a duck  
She put him on the table  
With the legs stickin' up

He had-a (guitar)  
Had to do what?  
He had the bottle it up and go'd  
An them high-powered women  
Sho' got the bottle up and gone

'Yeah, play it man-a

Be-da, bee, bop, bop, bop  
Bo, de-dum, be-dum, bop, bop  
Bo, bom, bom, bom, bom  
Bee-da, bee-um, bop-um, bop-um, bop  
Bo, bop-um, bop-um, bop-bop, be-ba

T-dee-da, t-dee-da  
T-da-da-da

(guitar)

Yeah!

Uh-huh!

Got the bottle up and go  
Got the bottle up and go  
Now, you high-power women  
Sho' got to bottle 'em up and go.

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\*Note: (Bluebird insert notes by M.K. Aldin)  
(brief & condensed) notes about this song )

Big Bill Broonzy told Tommy not to use the 'n' word.  
But he got mad at Bill and said, 'Hell no, I'll  
Never change my song'. Big Bill said he knew  
Tommy was right, the way he felt about it because  
He had sang the same words in another song of his  
Before Tommy was born but knew better than to do  
It in the North...

The next night Big Bill took Tommy to a party, Tommy  
Sang his version of 'Bottle It Up And Go.' The song  
flopped

And Big Bill had to put Tommy out the window and they  
Ran 5 miles to one of Big Bill's friend's house.

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