

# Black and Blue

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Med. Ballad

**A** *A*<sub>MI</sub> *D*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7</sup> *A*<sub>MI</sub> *D*<sup>9</sup> *D*<sup>b9</sup>

Cold, emp - ty bed, \_\_\_ Springs hard as lead, \_\_\_ Pains in my head, \_\_\_ Feel like old Ned, \_\_\_

*C*<sup>6</sup> *A*<sup>7</sup> *D*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7</sup> *G*<sup>9</sup> *C*<sub>MA</sub><sup>7</sup> *B*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7(b5)</sup> *E*<sup>7</sup>

What did I do \_\_\_\_\_ to be so black and blue?

*A*<sub>MI</sub> *D*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7</sup> *A*<sub>MI</sub> *D*<sup>9</sup> *D*<sup>b9</sup>

No joys for me, \_\_\_ No com - pa - ny, \_\_\_ E - ven the mouse \_\_\_ ran from my house, \_\_\_

*C*<sup>6</sup> *A*<sup>7</sup> *D*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7</sup> *G*<sup>7(#5)</sup> *(A*<sup>b7</sup> *G*<sup>7</sup>)

All my life through \_\_\_\_\_ I've been so black and blue.

**B** *A*<sup>b7</sup> *C*<sup>6</sup> *D*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7</sup> *E*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7</sup> *C*<sup>6</sup>

I'm white \_\_\_ in - side, \_\_\_ but that don't help my case; \_\_\_

*A*<sup>b7</sup> *C*<sup>6</sup> *F*<sup>7</sup> *B*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7(b5)</sup> *E*<sup>7</sup>

'Cause I \_\_\_ can't hide \_\_\_ what is on my face. Oh, \_\_\_

**C** *A*<sub>MI</sub> *D*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7</sup> *A*<sub>MI</sub> *D*<sup>9</sup> *D*<sup>b9</sup>

I'm so for - lorn, \_\_\_ Life's just a thorn, \_\_\_ My heart is torn, \_\_\_ Why was I born?

*C*<sup>6</sup> *A*<sup>7</sup> *D*<sub>MI</sub><sup>7</sup> *G*<sup>7(#5)</sup> *(A*<sup>b7</sup> *G*<sup>7</sup>)

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Second lyric

Just 'cause you're black, folks think you lack,  
They laugh at you and scorn you, too,  
What did I do to be so black and blue?  
When you are near they laugh & sneer,  
Set you aside, and you're denied,  
What did I do to be so black and blue?

How sad I am, each day I feel worse,  
My mark of being dark seems to be a curse.  
How will it end, ain't got no friend,  
My only sin is in my skin,  
What did I do to be so black and blue?