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Moderato

Slowly

I hate to see de eve-ning sun go down _____ Hate to see
Been to de Gypsy to get ma for-tune tele _____ To de Gypsy
You ought to see dat stove pipe brown of mine _____ Lak he owns

de evenin' sun go down _____ Cause ma ba - by he done lef dis
done got ma for-tune tele _____ Cause Im is wile bout ma Jel-ly
de Di-mon Jo-seph line _____ Hed make a cross-eyed 'o-man go stone

town. _____ Feel - in' to - mor - row lak ah feel to -
 Roll. _____ Gyp - sy done tole me "don't you wear no
 blin'. _____ Black - er than mid - night teeth lak flags o'

day _____ Feel to - mor - row lak ah feel to - day _____
 black _____ Yas she done tole me "don't you wear no black _____
 truce _____ Black - est man in de whole St Louis, _____

_____ I'll pack my trunk make ma git a - way _____ St. Lou - is
 _____ Go to St Louis you can win him back _____ Help me to
 _____ Black - er de ber - ry, sweet - er are the juice _____ A - bout a

gra ad lib.

'o - man wid her dia-mon' rings _____ Pulls dat man roun'
 Cai-ro make St Louis by ma - self _____ Git to Cai - ro
 crap game he knows a pow'ful lot _____ But when work-time comes,

by her a-pron strings _____ 'Twant for pow-der an' for store-bought
 find ma ole friend Jeff _____ Gwine to pin ma - self close to his
 he's on de dot _____ Gwine to ask him for a cold ten -

hair _____ De man ah love would not gone no - where. _____
 side _____ If ah flag his train I sho can ride. _____
 spot _____ What it takes to git it he's cer-t'n - ly got. _____

CHORUS

Melody from "The Jogo Blues"

Got de St Louis Blues jes blue as ah can be
I loves dat man lak a school-boy loves his pie

Dat man got a heart lak a rock cast in the sea
Lak a Ken-tuck-y Col'-nel loves his mint an rye,

Or else he would-n't gone
I'll love ma ba-by till

so far from me. Dog-gone-it! me
de day ah die. die

1 Spoken 2 D.C.