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**HESITATING BLUES**

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COMPOSER OF  
"THE MEMPHIS BLUES"  
SONG, SLOW DRAG OR TROT



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# "THE HESITATING BLUES"

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Moderato

Voice

Hel - lo Cen - tral, what's the  
Sun day night my beau pro -

mat - ter with this line? I want to talk - to that  
posed - to - me; Said he'd be hap - py if his

High Brown of mine, - Tell me how long will - I have to  
wif - ie I'd be, - Said he "How long will - I have to

§ Till ready

wait? Please give me 2 9 8, — Why do you hes - i -  
 wait? Come be my wife my Kate, Why do you hes - i -

tate? — What you say, can't  
 tate?" I de - clined him

talk to my Brown! A storm last night blew the wires all down; Tell me  
 just for a stall — He left — that night on the Can - non Ball; Hon - ey,

how long will — I have to wait?  
 how long will — I have to wait?

Oh, won't you tell me now — Why do you hes - i - tate?  
Will he come back now — Or will he hes - i - tate?

## CHORUS

"Pro-cras-ti - na - tion is the thief of time," So all the wise owls

say, — "One stitch in time may save nine,"

To-morrow's not to - day. And if you put off

Somebody's bound to lose. I'd be his,

he'd be mine, And I'd be feel - ing gay, Left a lone

to grieve and pine, My best friend's gone a - way, He's gone and

left me The Hes - i - tat - ing Blues.

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