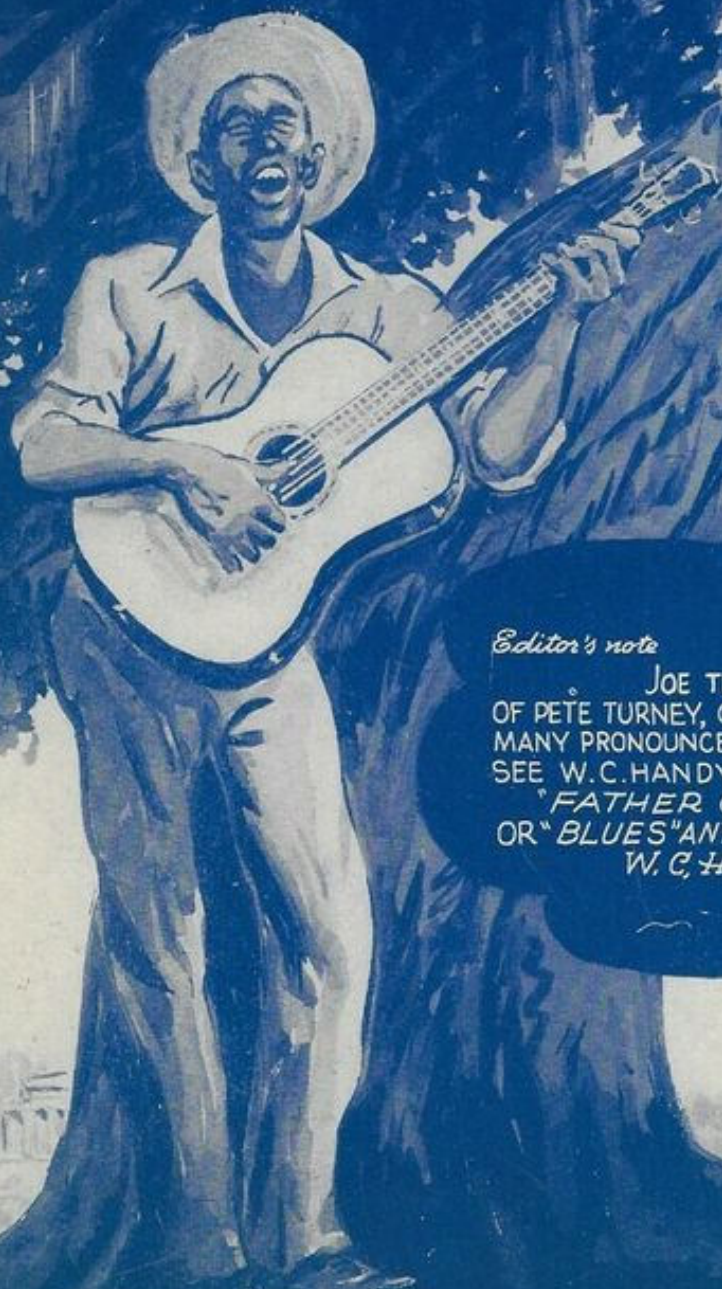


W.C. Handy's
JOE TURNER BLUES



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Joe Turner Blues

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Moderato

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Oh, Joe Turner felt bad, Oh Joe Turner was sad, His

Vamp

mp *p*

Li - za was mean, He was wor-ried and mad, So he said 'Ain't no use to cry,

There aint no use to sigh, Gal, good-bye; You will be sor-ry, yes

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(Humming)

sor-ry some sun-ny day, Uhm, Uhm, Sor-ry you treat-ed me this

(Humming)

way, Uhm, Uhm — So there aint no-thin' left to say

And when you hear that old steam boat you can't re - fuse

You'll ask that cap-tain-man for news,

Then you will have Joe Tur-ner Blues

You'll nev - er
I bought a
Some-times I
It seems that

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miss the wa - ter till your well runs dry,
 bull - dog for to watch you while you sleep,
 feel like no - thin' some - thin' threw a - way,
 ev - 'ry day babe, you are get - tin' worse

p-f

Till your well runs dry
 Guard you while you sleep
 Some - thin' threw a - way
 Yes, you're get - tin' worse

You'll nev - er miss Joe Tur - ner, 'Till he says "good -
 I'm go - in' to the riv - er, 'Cause the riv - er's
 An' then I get my ban - jo, Play the blues all
 You've gct a rich man's i - deas, And a poor man's

bye,"
 deep
 day
 purse

I'm goin' to leave you ba - by
 You nev - er 'pre - ci - ate the
 You're just a mean high yel - la
 I'm goin' to hop a freight train

and the time ain't long,
lit - tle things I do,
so we has to part,
and im goin' to roam,

No the time ain't long,
Not one thing I do,
Now we has to part,
Yes, im goin' to roam,

If you dont think im leav - in', Count the days im
An' thats the ver - y rea - son Why im leav - in'
You're just a mean high yel - la, You ain't got no
im goin' to get the things that I cant get at

gone. You'll nev - er gone.
you. I bought a you.
heart. Some - times I heart.
home. It seems that home.

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