

Call and Response Examples

B.B. King - How Blue Can You Get

I've been down hearted baby
Ever since the day we met
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Ever since the day we met
Our love is nothing but the blues
Baby, how blue can you get?

You're evil when I'm with you
And you are jealous when we're apart
You're evil, you're so evil when I'm with you baby
And you are jealous when we're apart
How blue can you get baby?
The answer is right here in my heart.

I gave you a brand new Ford
And you said "I want a Cadillac"
I bought you a ten dollar dinner
And you said "thanks for the snack"
I let you live in my penthouse
You said it was just a shack
I gave you seven children
And now you wanna to give them back!

Yes I've been downhearted baby
Ever since the day we met
Our love is nothing but the blues
Baby, how blue can you get?

Stevie Ray Vaughan – “Texas Flood”

Well there's floodin' down in Texas
All of the telephone lines are down
Well there's floodin' down in Texas
All of the telephone lines are down
And I've been tryin' to call my baby
Lord and I can't get a single sound

Well dark clouds are rollin' in
Man I'm standin' out in the rain
Well dark clouds are rollin' in
Man I'm standin' out in the rain
Yeah flood water keep a rollin'
Man it's about to drive poor me insane

Well I'm leavin' you baby
Lord and I'm goin' back home to stay
Well I'm leavin' you baby
Lord and I'm goin' back home to stay
Well back home are no floods or tornados
Baby and the sun shines every day

Me and the Devil Blues-Robert Johnson

Early this mornin'
when you knocked on my door
Early this mornin', ooh
when you knocked on my door
And I said, "Hello Satan,
I believe it's time to go."

Me and the Devil
was walking side by side
Me and the Devil, ooh
was walking side by side
And I'm goin' to beat my woman
until I get satisfied

She say you don't see why
that you will dog me 'round
Now, babe you know you ain't doin' me
right, don'cha
She say you don't see why, ooh
that you will dog me 'round
It must-a be that old evil spirit
so deep down in the ground

You may bury my body
down by the highway side
Baby, I don't care where you bury my
body when I'm dead and gone
You may bury my body, ooh
down by the highway side
So my old evil spirit
can catch a Greyhound bus and ride

"Preachin Blues"

Robert Johnson

Mmmmm mmmmm

I's up this mornin', ah, blues walkin' like a man
I's up this mornin', ah, blues walkin' like a man
Worried blues, give me your right hand

And the blues fell mama's child, tore me all upside down
Blues fell mama's child, and it tore me all upside down
Travel on, poor Bob, just can't turn you 'round

The blues, is a low-down shakin' chill

(spoken: Yes, preach 'em now)

Mmmmm mmmmm

Is a low-down shakin' chill
You ain't never had 'em I, hope you never will

Well, the blues , is a achin' old heart disease

(spoken: Do it now, you gon' do it? Tell me all about it)

The blues, is a low-down achin' heart disease
Like consumption, killing me by degrees

I can study rain, oh oh drive, oh oh drive my blues
I been studyin' the rain and, I'm 'on drive my blues away
Goin' to the 'stil'ry¹, stay out there all day

“Got My Mojo Working”
Muddy Waters

Got my mojo working, but it just won't work on you
Got my mojo working, but it just won't work on you
I wanna love you so bad till I don't know what to do

I'm going down to Louisiana to get me a mojo hand
I'm going down to Louisiana to get me a mojo hand
I'm gonna have all you women right here at my command

Got my mojo working
Got my mojo working
Got my mojo working
Got my mojo working
Got my mojo working, but it just won't work on you

Play on!

Got my mojo working
Got my mojo working
Got my mojo working
Got my mojo working
Got my mojo working, but it - uh uh - just won't work on you