

# BROWN'S FERRY BLUES

Bluegrass, Old-time Blues Song; **CATEGORY:** Mountain Blues; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **RECORDING INFO:** Kenny Baker and Josh Graves; Callahan Brothers; Delmore Brothers; John Jackson; New Lost City Ramblers; Doc Watson; **OTHER VERSIONS:** Manhattan Blues; Them Ramblin' Blues; Oozlin' Daddy Blues; Rubber Neck Blues; Jackhammer John; **NOTES:** Similar to "Big River Blues" or "Deep River Blues." Named for an old ferry site on the Tennessee River.

Hard luck pop - pa count - ing his toes, You can smell his feet where -  
 Hard luck pop - pa done lost his stuff, the \_\_\_ trou - ble is he's \_\_\_

ev - er he goes. \_\_\_ Lord, Lord, \_\_\_ got \_\_\_ those  
 played \_\_\_ too rough. \_\_\_

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**E** **E7** **A7**  
 Hard luck poppa, a-countin' his toes, You can smell his feet wherever he goes,  
**E** **B7**  
 Lord, Lord, got those Brown's Ferry Blues.  
**E** **E7** **A7**  
 Hard luck poppa done lost his stuff, The trouble with him he's played too rough.  
**E** **B7** **E**  
 Lord, Lord, got those Brown's Ferry Blues.

Two old maids a-sitting in the sand, Each one wishing that the other was a man,  
 Lord, Lord, got those Brown's Ferry Blues  
 Two old maids done lost their style, If you want to be lucky you got to smile.  
 Lord, Lord, got those Brown's Ferry Blues

Early to bed and early to rise, And your girl goes out with other guys.  
 Lord, Lord, got those Brown's Ferry Blues  
 If you don't believe me try it yourself, Well I tried it and I got left.  
 Lord, Lord, got those Brown's Ferry Blues

Hard luck poppa standing in the rain, If the world was corn he couldn't buy grain.  
 Lord, Lord, got those Brown's Ferry Blues  
 Hardluck poppa standing in the snow, His knees knock together but he's raring to go.  
 Lord, Lord, got those Brown's Ferry Blues.