

ST. LOUIS BLUES

from BIRTH OF THE BLUES

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Moderately



I hate to see — de eve - nin' sun go
Been to de Gyp - sy to get ma for - tune
You ought to see — dat stove - pipe brown of



down — hate to see —
tole — to de Gyp - sy
mine — lak he owns —



de eve nin'sun go down. _____
 done got ma for - tune tole. _____
 de Dim-on Jo - seph line. _____

'Cause my ba - by _____
 'Cause I'm most wile _____
 He'd make a cross - eyed

D7#5



he done lef dis town. _____
 'bout ma Jel - ly Roll. _____
 o' man go stone blind. _____



Feel - in' to - mor - row lak Ah feel to - day _____
 Gyp - sy done tole me, "Don't you wear no black" _____
 Black - er than mid - night, teeth lak flags of truce _____



feel to - mor - row lak Ah feel to -
 yes she done tole me "Don't you wear no
 black - est man in de whole St.

G D7 D7#5

day black." Louis I'll pack my trunk _ Go to St. Lou - is black-er de ber - ry make ma get a - you can win him the sweet-er is the

G Gm Cm C#dim7


way. back. juice. St. Lou - is wom-an wid her dia - mon' help me to Cai - ro make St. Louis by ma - A-bout a crap game he knows a pow'-ful

D7

rings self lot pulls git but dat to when man Cai - ro roun' work - time comes

Gm

by her a - pron find ma ole friend he's on de strings. Jeff. dot. 'Twant for Gwine to Gwine to








 Cm7  C#dim7  D7

pow - der _____ an' for store — bought hair _____
 pin ma _____ self close to — his side _____
 ask him _____ for a cold — ten spot _____

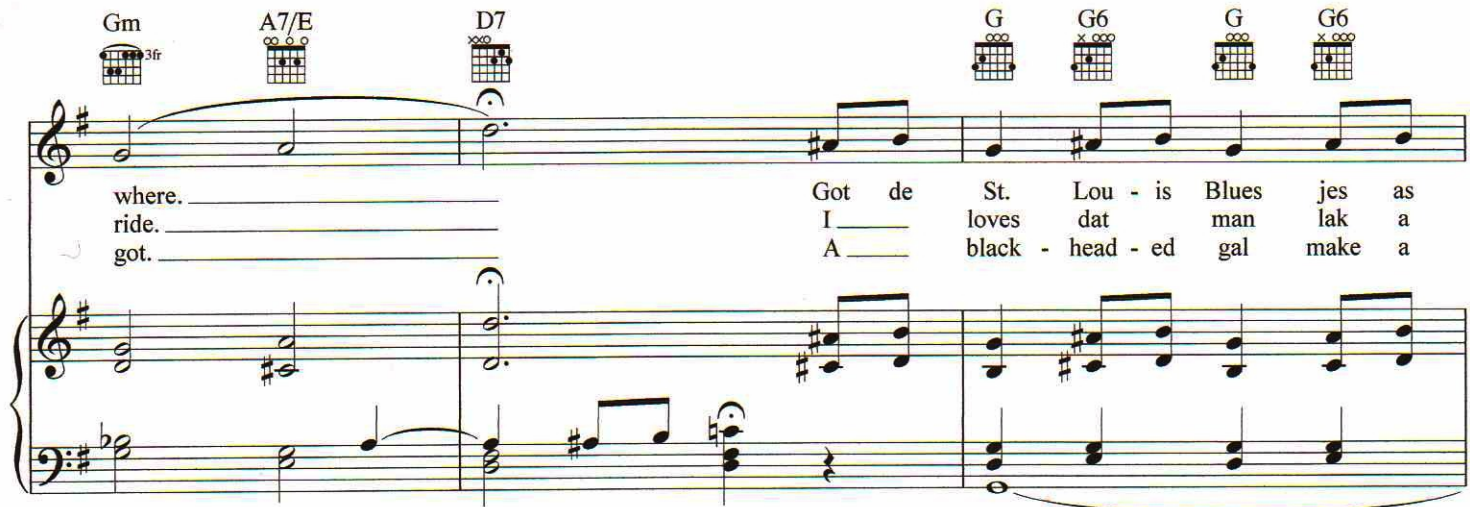













_____ de man I love _____ would not gone no -
 _____ if Ah flag his train _____ I sho' can
 _____ what it takes to git it he's cer - t'n - ly



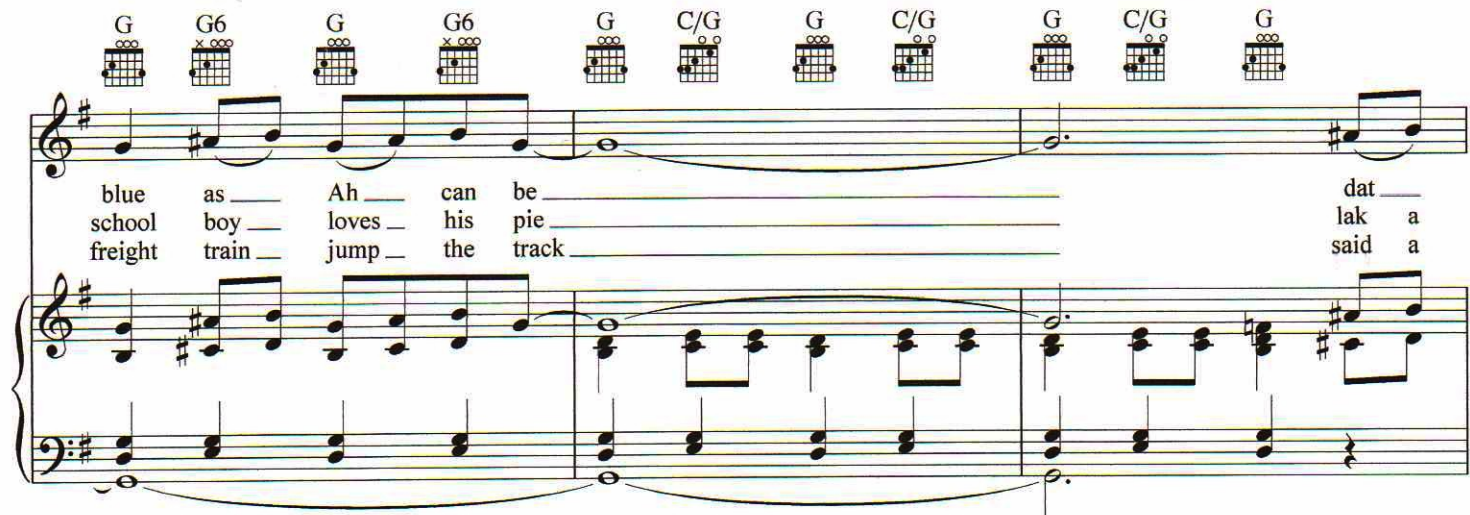
 Gm  A7/E  D7  G  G6  G  G6

where. _____ Got de St. Lou - is Blues jes as
 ride. _____ I _____ loves dat man lak a
 got. _____ A _____ black - head - ed gal make a



 G  G6  G  G6  G  C/G  G  C/G  G  C/G  G

blue as _____ Ah _____ can be _____ dat _____
 school boy _____ loves _____ his pie _____ lak a
 freight train _____ jump _____ the track _____ said a



C G C/G G C/G

man got a heart lak a rook cast in the sea
 Ken - tuck - y Col' - nel loves his mint an' rye
 black - head - ed gal make a freight train jump the track

G C/G G G/D D7

or else he would-n't have gone so far from me.
 I'll love ma ba - by till the day Ah die.
 but a red - head wom - an makes a preach - er ball the

1, 2 G D7 3 G

(Spoken:) Dog-gone it! Jack.

Extra Choruses (optional)

Lawd, a blonde-headed woman makes a good man leave the town,
 I said a blonde-headed woman makes a good man leave the town,
 But a red-head woman makes a boy slap his papa down.

O ashes to ashes and dust to dust,
 I said ashes to ashes and dust to dust,
 If my blues don't get you my jazzing must.