

Bessie Smith, Empty Bed Blues

Verse 1

I woke up this morning
with awful aching head

(Repeat)

My new man had left me
Just a room and an empty bed

Bought me a coffee grinder,
Got the best one I could find

(Repeat)

So he could grind my coffee
Cause he had a brand new grind

Verse 2

He's a deep-sea diver,
With a stroke that can't go wrong

(Repeat)

He can touch the bottom,
And his wind holds out so long

He knows how to thrill me
And he thrills me night and day

Oh

(Repeat)

He's got a new way of loving,
Almost takes my breath away

Verse 3

Oh, he's got that sweet something
And I told my girlfriend Lou

(Repeat)

But the way she's ravin'
She must have gone and tried it too

When my bed get empty
Make me feel awful mean and blue

(Repeat)

My springs are getting' rusty
Sleepin' single like I do

Verse 4

Bought him a blanket
Pillow for his head at night

(Repeat)

And I bought him a mattress

So he could lay just right

He came home one evening
With his spirit way up high

(Repeat)

What he had to give me
Made me ring my hands and cry

Verse 5

He give me a lesson
That I never had before

(Repeat)

When he got through teachin' me
From my elbow down was sore

He boiled my first cabbage
And he made it awful hot

(Repeat)

When he put in the bacon
It overflowed the pot

Verse 6

When you get good lovin'
Never go and spread the news

It'll build up to cross you
And leave you with them empty bed blues