

# Big Maceo, Poor Kelly Blues

Poor Kelly Blues 3:17 Trk 12

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Big Maceo - vocals & piano

w/Tampa Red - guitar, Alfred Elkins - im. bass

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I went up on the mountain  
To see what po' Kelly done  
He killed his woman  
And didn't even 'tempt to run

Up on the mountain  
Just to see what po' Kelly done  
Well, he killed his woman  
And he didn't even 'tempt to run

When I found po' Kelly  
He was standing in the do'  
With a 32.20  
And a forty-fo'

When I found po' Kelly  
He was standin' in the do'  
With a 32.20  
An a hard-hitting, forty-fo'

I ask him was he sorry?  
He say, 'Nobody know'  
'Just can't stand the way she was  
Treatin' me any mo'

'Just couldn't stand  
Way she was doin' me, any mo'  
She's a dirty mistreater  
She won't jive me, no mo'

He said, 'I know I love her  
Better than I did myself  
She misused me  
For somebody else'

'She know I loved her  
Better than I did myself  
Still, she tried to misuse me  
For somebody else'

'I know they gonna get me'  
He said, 'But I know I don't care'  
They may even send me  
To the 'lectric chair'

'I know they gonna get me  
But baby, I don't care'  
There is one consolation  
They won't leave my woman, here.

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