

Chet Atkins, Birth Of The Blues

OH! THEY SAY SOME PEOPLE LONG AGO
WERE SEARCHING FOR A DIFF'RENT TUNE,
ONE THAT THEY COULD CROON
AS ONLY THEY CAN.
THEY ONLY HAD THE RHYTHM SO
THEY STARTED SWAYING TO AND FRO.
THEY DIDN`T KNOW JUST WHAT THEY HAD
AND THAT IS HOW THE BLUES REALLY BEGAN:
THEY HEARD THE BREEZE IN THE TREES
SINGING WEIRD MELODIES
AND THEY MADE THAT
THE START OF THE BLUES.
AND FROM A JAIL CAME THE WAIL
OF A DOWN HEARTED FRAIL,
AND THEY PLAYED THAT
AS PART OF THE BLUES.
FROM A WHIPPOORWILL OUT ON A HILL,
THEY TOOK A NEW NOTE,
PUSHED IT THROUGH A HORN
'TIL IT WAS BORN INTO A BLUE NOTE.
AND THEN THEY NURSED IT, REHEARSED IT,
AND GAVE OUT THE NEWS
THAT THE SOUTHLAND
GAVE BIRTH TO THE BLUES!