

Joe Ely, Johnny's Blues

Well, Johnny come in last night.
Man he was an awful sight.
The Bartender said, "Hey Johnny!
There's no band tonight"
"The piano-man's drunk,
He been down in the dumps.
The drummer's in bed,
He got a pain in his head.
No Johnny,
There's no band tonight."

The clock was stickin' close to ten
The mailman came runnin' in.
He said, "Any-body here named Johnny?
I got a Special delivery for him."
"It's from a woman he knows,
It's from his Bayou Rose,
The girl of his dreams
wants a wedding ring"
.....Love Rosie
"I've got a letter for him".

Well Johnny jumped up from his beer
Told the mailman, "Yes I'm here"
And then he read it out loud to the bar room crowd
But before they had a chance to cheer
He said "Call up the band
I'm a happy man
I want them to play
On my wedding day"
When he told them,
They had a chance to cheer.

The piano-man came even though it was rainin'
The drummer was drummin' just like an insane man.
They tore off the roof they knocked down the doors
And Johnny and his bride drove away in her Ford
Slappin' the dash to the beat of the band
Draggin' behind them a string of tin cans
And they ain't been back yet but I know when they do
Johnny's gonna play some of the sweetest blues