Nina Simone, Blues For Mama

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Hey Lordy mama I heard you wasn't feeling' good They're spreadin' dirty rumors All around the neighborhood They say you're mean and evil And don't know what to do That's the reason that he's gone And left you black and blue Hey yeah Tell me what you gonna do now They say he's left you all alone To weather this old storm He's got another woman now Hangin' on his arm, yeah yeah yeah That old fool's tellin' everybody He's sick and tired of you Hey Lordy Lordy mama What you gonna do Hey yeah Tell me what you gonna do They say you love to fuss and fight And bring a good man down And don't know how to treat him They say you ain't behind him And just don't understand And think that you're a woman But actin' like a man Hey Lordy mama What you gonna do now Get your nerves together, baby And set the record straight Set it straight Let the whole round world know It wasn't you That cause his bitter fate All these years you loved him And he knows it's true 'Cause what you're wantin' For your man Is what he's wantin', too Hey yeah Tell me what you gonna do now When you love a man enough You're bound to disagree 'Cause ain't nobody perfect 'Cause ain't nobody free Hey Lordy mama Tell me what you gonna do What you gonna do