

Walter Davis, Mama Why Don't You Be Yourself?

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Walter Davis - vocal, Roosevelt Sykes (Willie Kelly) piano

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My baby looked for me
Way late hours in the night
My baby, she looked for me
Way late hours in the night
But Lord, I never came home
'Till the sun was shinin' bright

Now

Mama, why don't you try to be yo'self?

'Ah, be yo'self

Mmm, mama, why don't you try to be yo'self?

Because I always will love you, baby

When I don't love nobody else

I was 'cused of murdering
An I had to deny my name
Now, I was 'cused of murdering
An I had to deny my name
Now my girl don't love me
But my mother love me just the same

The girl that I'm loving
She don't mean me no good
The girl that I'm loving
She don't mean me no good
An I don't love nobody
'Round in this neighborhood

Spoken:

'I been beggin' her for two weeks

Just to be herself

My babe don't treat me good, no mo'

Keep me worried all the time'

'Play them blues for me'.

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