

MOUNTAIN TOP BLUES

(Blue Mama's Suicide Wail)

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PIANO *Tempo di Sadness*

The piano introduction is in G major, 2/4 time, marked 'Tempo di Sadness'. It features a somber melody in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand. The melody begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C, then a half note D. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note pattern: G, B, D, G, B, D, G, B, D, G.

VOICE

Feel so sad and sor - row - ful
Goin' up to the moun - tain top
Find a big high rock to jump from
Got my - self a brand new ham - mock

The vocal melody is in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staff. The piano accompaniment is in G major, 2/4 time, marked 'p' (piano). It features a steady eighth-note bass line and a melody in the right hand that follows the vocal line.

run - nin' o - ver with the Blues
throw my - self down in the sea
stones all thick down on the ground
placed it un - der - neath a tree

The vocal melody continues in G major, 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staff. The piano accompaniment is in G major, 2/4 time, marked 'p' (piano). It features a steady eighth-note bass line and a melody in the right hand that follows the vocal line. The piece ends with a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand: G, A, B.

feel - in' sad and sor - row - ful run - nin' o - ver with the Blues _____
 climb up to the moun - tain throw my - self down in the sea _____
 Big high rock to jump from stones all thick down on the ground _____
 got a brand new ham - mock placed it un - der - neath a tree _____

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 If some one buys me poi - son that's the kind of death I'll
 Jes let the sharks and fish - es make a big fuss o - ver
 And when you find me you'll see lots of pie - ces lay - in'
 I hope the wind will blow so hard the tree will fall on

1-2-3. 4.
 choose! _____
 me! _____
 'round _____
 me. _____