

MY GOOD MAN'S BLUES

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Lyrics & Music
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Moderato

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in B-flat major, 4/4 time, marked 'Moderato'. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. The voice part enters with the lyrics 'In West Vir-gin - ia' and 'harvey bot-tom fair I met my good man, he was al ways there It I met Ma - ha - lia, she was al - ways there It seemed my love for him would never end He seemed my love for her would never end She'. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like 'p' (piano). There are also 'VAMP' markings indicating repeated piano figures.

VAMP VOICE

In West Vir-gin - ia

VAMP

harvey bot-tom fair I met my good man, he was al ways there It
I met Ma - ha - lia, she was al - ways there It

seemed my love for him would never end He
seemed my love for her would never end She

quit me cold and I left to stay I've gambled al most all my love a way I'm

go ing back I'm leav ing town to - day I'm

CHORUS

goin' to West Vir-gin - ia to find my good man, my
 goin' Back to my good man and fall (Ma - hal - ia) on my (Ma -
 (man) I real-ly love will e - ven give me
 (girl)

good man there I'm goin' to West Vir-gin - ia to find my good man
 (hal - ia) knees and say I'm goin' back to my good man fall down on my (Ma hal ia) knees and
 (his) last dime the (man, I real - ly love will e - ven give me (his) last
 (her) (girl)

there
say
dime

I'm goin' to West Vir-gin-la
I'm goin' back to my good man
The (man) I real-ly love
(girl)

to find my good man fair
fall down on my knees and say
e - ven give me (his) last dime
(Ma - hal - la)

Becase when I don't have no money
Take me back now pret - ty
So it is ve - ry plain to see that

(He) al-ways treats me
and you can have your
you can not make no

1st, 2nd, & 3rd

1st & 2nd only

3rd only

fair
way
time

I'm here.
the time