

BILLIE'S BLUES

(I Love My Man)

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Moderately Slow (♩ = ♩³)

System 1: Piano introduction. Chords: D, D9, G, G13. Tempo: Moderately Slow (♩ = ♩³). Dynamics: *mf*.

System 2: Piano accompaniment. Chords: D, A7, D6, Bb7, A7. Dynamics: *mf*.

System 3: Vocal line and piano accompaniment. Chords: D7, G7. Lyrics: love my man. I'm a liar if I say I.

System 4: Vocal line and piano accompaniment. Chords: D9, D7#5. Lyrics: don't, I.

G9

love my man; I'm a li - ar if I say I ____

D7 Gmaj7/D D7 Adim7

don't. But I'll

Em9 A7 Em9 A7

quit my man. I'm a li - ar if I say I won't. _

D7 G7 D7 Bb9 A9

I've

D13 **G7** **D7**

been your slave, ba - by, _____ ev - er since I've been your babe.
 ain't good look - in' and my hair ain't got curls.

D7#9 **G13**

I've been your slave, ev - er since I've been your
 I ain't good look - in' and my hair ain't got

D7 **Gmaj7/D** **D7** **B7b9**

babe. curls. But be -
 curls. But my

Em9 **A7** **Em9** **A7**

fore I'd be your dog, I'd _____ see you in your grave. _
 moth - er give me some - thing. It's go - ing to car - ry me

D G6 D B \flat 7 A9 A7 \flat 5/E \flat

through this world. My man would-n't
Some men like

D6/9 E \flat 9#11 D6/9 E \flat 9#11

give me no break - fast, would-n't give me no din - ner,
me 'cause I'm hap - py, some 'cause I'm snap - py.

D9

squawked a - bout my sup - per, then he'd put me out - doors. Had the
Some call me hon - ey, oth - ers think I've got mon - ey. Some

G7

nerve to lay a match - box on my clothes,
say, "Bil - lie, ba - by you're built for speed."

D6 B7 \flat 9 Em

I ___ did-n't have so man-y ___
Now, _ if you

A7 D Em A7 D/F# Fm6 Am9 Eb9#11

but I had a long, _ long ways to go. I

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Em7 A7

put that all ___ to-geth-er, makes me ev - 'ry - thing a good man needs. ___

D (N.C.) Eb9 D6/9 Eb9#11 D13

8vb