

Memphis Blues Again

[Intro]

C Csus4 C Csus4 C Csus4 C

[Verse 1]

Oh, the ragman draws circles

Up and down the block

I'd ask him what the matter was

But I know that he don't talk

And the ladies treat me kindly

And they furnish me with tape

But deep inside my heart

I know I can't escape

Oh Mama, can this really be the end?

To be stuck inside of Mobile,

With the Memphis blues again? [bass: C, Bb, G, F, E, C]
= E, D, B, A, G#, E wi

[Verse 2]

Well, Shakespeare, he's in the alley

With his pointed shoes and his bells

Speaking to some French girl

Who says she knows me well

And I would send a message

To find out if she's talked

But the post office has been stolen

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And the mailbox is locked

Oh Mama, can this really be the end?

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[Verse 3]

Mona tried to tell me

To stay away from the train line

She said that all the railroad men

Just drink up your blood like wine

An' I said, "Oh, I didn't know that

But then again, there's only one I've met

An' he just smoked my eyelids

An' punched my cigarette"

Oh Mama, can this really be the end?

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[Verse 4]

Grandpa died last week

And now he's buried in the rocks

But everybody still talks about

How badly they were shocked

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But me, I expected it to happen

I knew he'd lost control

When he built a fire on Main Street

And shot it full of holes

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= E, D, B, A, G#, E v

[Verse 5]

Now the senator came down here

Showing ev'ryone his gun

Handing out free tickets

To the wedding of his son

An' me, I nearly got busted

An' wouldn't it be my luck

To get caught without a ticket

And be discovered beneath a truck

Oh Mama, is this really the end?

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= E, D, B, A, G#, E v

[Verse 6]

Now the preacher looked so baffled

When I asked him why he dressed

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With twenty pounds of headlines
Stapled to his chest
But he cursed me when I proved to him
Then I whispered, "Not even you can hide
You see, you're just like me
I hope you're satisfied"
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= E, D, B, A, G#, E v

[Verse 7]

Now the rainman gave me two cures
Then he said, "Jump right in"
The one was Texas medicine
The other was just railroad gin
An' like a fool I mixed them
An' it strangled up my mind
An' now people just get uglier
An' I have no sense of time
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[Verse 8]

When Ruthie says come see her
In her honky-tonk lagoon
Where I can watch her waltz for free
'Neath her Panamanian moon
An' I say, "Aw come on now
You know you know about my debutante"
An' she says, "Your debutante just knows what you need
But I know what you want"
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= E, D, B, A, G#, E v

[Verse 9]

Now the bricks lay on Grand Street
Where the neon madmen climb
They all fall there so perfectly
It all seems so well timed
An' here I sit so patiently
Waiting to find out what price
You have to pay to get out of
Going through all these things twice
Oh Mama, is this really the end?

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C/G F/G [C]
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[Coda](harp)

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| C G/B | Am C/G | F/G F/G | C
[last three bars: break on every chord]