

The Ballad of Maggie (Blue Heeler)
Randy Pease/Decaf Music BMI 2020

Key Eb (Capo three, C position)

Instrumentation: mandolin (Tim), bass, percussion (shaker?) fiddle? Banjo? Lead guitar? Backup vox (Liz, John), dogs barking during last chorus? (I've got some video footage of Maggie barking)

1 6
My name is Maggie. I'm a twelve-year-old blue heeler.
4 1 5
I spend most every afternoon sitting in the sun.
1 6
My hip is hurting bad. I don't get around so well.
4 1 5 1
But way back in the day, you should've seen me run...

1 6
They found me in Kentucky when I was just a puppy
4 1 5
Runnin' circles 'round the median on Highway 41.
1 6
They took me a scary place and locked me in a cage.
4 1 5 1
I was frightened and confused. I didn't know what I had done.

Chorus:

6 1
I'm a blue heeler.

6 1
I'm a blue heeler.

6 1
I'm a blue heeler.

4 5 1
I'm here to heal your blues.

1 6
Some nice folks took me home. They gave me food and shelter,
4 1 5
Took me walking in the park and riding in the car.
1 6
I'd bark at the trash man when he'd come on Thursday morning,
4 1 5 1

Frighten off intruders, chase squirrels from the yard.

1 6
Gracie was my best friend. She was a Labrador retriever.

4 1 5
We'd go running through the meadow, snatch Frisbees from the air.

1 6
One day she took a ride, and she never did come home.

4 1 5 1
Not a day goes by that I don't think of her.

Chorus:

6 1
I'm a blue heeler.

6 1
I'm a blue heeler.

6 1
I'm a blue heeler.

4 5 1
I'm here to heal your blues.

Instrumental break (follows verse pattern)

1 6
I still bark at the trash man, and I dream of chasing Frisbees.

4 1 5
I love my people dearly. I don't ever want to go.

1 6
But the pain is getting worse, and sometimes I get the feeling

4 1 5 1
I'll go riding in the car one day and I won't be coming home.

1 6
My name is Maggie. I'm a twelve-year-old blue heeler.

4 1 5
I spend most every afternoon sitting in the sun.

1 6
My hip is hurting bad. I don't get around so well.

4 1 5 6
But way back in the day, you should've seen me run...

4 1 5 1
But hey, back in the day, you should've seen me run...

6 1

I'm a blue heeler.

6 1

I'm a blue heeler.

6 1

I'm a blue heeler.

4 5 1

I'm here to heal your blues.