

LOVESICK BLUES

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Adapted by Hank Williams

"Lovesick Blues" established Hank Williams as a legend. Released in 1949, it shot to the top of the charts and triggered an invitation to join Grand Ole Opry. It became "Hank's song," though it had been around for years. Written by Tin Pan Alleyite Cliff Friend after World War I, it was first recorded in 1922, with little success. In 1939, honky-tonk singer Rex Griffin had a minor hit on a version almost identical to Hank's. But it took the mournful, soulful voice of Hank's native rural Alabama to breathe new life and meaning into the song's lyrics.

Moderate blues (♩ played as $\text{♩}^{\flat}$)

The first system of musical notation for 'Lovesick Blues' is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The piano part begins with a forte (f) dynamic and features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand. The vocal line starts with the lyrics 'I got a'.

The second system of musical notation continues the song. It includes a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The piano part features a chord diagram for F major in the right hand. The vocal line includes the lyrics 'feel-in' called the blues, Oh, oh, Lawd, since my ba-by said good-bye.'.

The third system of musical notation continues the song. It includes a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The piano part features a chord diagram for C7 in the right hand. The vocal line includes the lyrics 'Lawd, I don't know what I'll do; All I'.

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do is sit and sigh. That last long day she said good-bye, Well,

F F7 Bb7

Lawd, I tho't I would cry. She'd do me, she'd do you, she's

F D7 G7

got that kind of lov-in'; Lawd, I love to hear her when she calls me sweet dad -

C7 F7

dy. Such a beau-ti-ful dream, I hate to think it all

E7 F7 C7

C7 Bb7 A7

o - ver. I've lost my heart it seems;

F7 Bb7

I've grown so used to you some - how. Lawd, I'm

F D7 G7

no - bod-y's sug-ar dad-dy now, And I'm lone - some..

C7 F F/A Abdim Gm7 F7

I got the love - sick blues. slowing down