

# HOW TO WRITE THE BLUES

Lyrics by Danny Chicago

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Well sit back and listen

Gonna teach you how to write the blues

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And before this song is over

You can write a blues song too

The first line of the blues,

you gotta sing a second time

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And the third line doesn't matter

But the fourth one's gotta rhyme

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Black Cat Bone, Woke up this morning  
Gypsy woman and Hoochie Coochie Too

Then the band stops on the one note,  
They stop once again  
And after the third time, they all come in again  
Then you say the name of the song  
Like.. "This is How To Write the Blues"  
And it helps if you're in prison  
or if your baby left you for somebody new

And then you get to the last verse  
You tell the band to take you home  
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You tell the band to take you home  
And then the band stops playin  
And you sing the last line all alone

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