

IF I HAD POSSESSION OVER JUDGMENT DAY

Robert Johnson

(adapted from "Rollin' and Tumblin'" - Hambone Willie Newbern)

Key

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INTRO

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walk down

VERSE 1

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INTERLUDE

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VERSE 2 = VERSE 1

SOLO

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VERSE 3 = VERSE 1

INTERLUDE 2 = INTERLUDE 1

VERSE 4 = VERSE 1 (but last bar $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$)

VERSE 5 = VERSE 1

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IF I HAD POSSESSION OVER JUDGMENT DAY *LYRICS**

Robert Johnson

If I had possession, over judgment day
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Lord, the little woman I'm lovin' wouldn't have to pray**

And I went up to the mountain, lookin' as far as my eyes could see
And I went up to the mountain, lookin' as far as my eyes would see
Some other man got my woman, and these lonesome blues got me

And I rolled and I tumbled and I cried the whole night long
And I rolled and I tumbled and I cried the whole night long
And I woke up this mornin' and my biscuit rollin' on***

Had to fold my arms and I slowly walked away
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Well I said in my mind, "Your trouble gonna come some day"

Now run here, baby, get down on bended knee****
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I wanna tell you all about the way they treated me

*Some lyrics have been adapted and will be noted as follows:

**Lyric adapted slightly from original. Johnson's original line is "Lord the little woman I'm lovin' wouldn't have no right to pray". Personal choice.

***Johnson's original lyric is "biscuit roller gone". Borrowed from Eric Clapton's rendition.

****Johnson's original lyric is "set down on my knee". Borrowed from Eric Clapton's rendition.