32-20 Blues

Words & Music: Robert Johnson

[capo 2] A7 Adim7 Dm6 A A7 A6 A+ A5 E7/5

A
If I send for my baby and she don't come.
D7 A A7 A
If I send for my baby, man, and she don't come.
E7/5 D7/F# A
All the doctors in Hot Springs sure can't help her none.

And if she gets unruly, things she don't want to do.
And if she gets unruly and thinks she don't want to do.
Take my 32-20 now, and cut her half in two.

She got a .38 special but I believe it's most too light.
She got a .38 special but I believe it's most too light.
I got a 32-20, got to make the camps alright.

If I send for my baby - and she don't come.
If I send for my baby - man, and she don't come.
All the doctors in Hot Springs sure can't help her none.

I'm gonna shoot my pistol, gonna shoot my Gatling gun.
I'm gonna shoot my pistol, got-ta shoot my Gatling gun.
You made me love you - now your man have come.

Ah-oh - baby, where you stay last night?
Ah - baby, where you stayed last night?
You got the hair all tangled and you ain't talking right.

Her .38 special, boys, do it very well.
Her .38 special, boys, it do very well.
I got a 32-20 now, and it's a burning.

If I send for my baby - and she don't come.
If I send for my baby - man, and she don't come.
All the doctors in Wisconsin sure can't help her none.

Hey, hey, baby, where'd you stay last night?
Hey, hey, baby, where'd you stay last night?
You didn't come home until the sun was shining bright.

Ah-oh - boy, I just can't take my rest.
Ah-oh - boy, I just can't take my rest.
With this 32-20 laying up and down my breast.
32-30 Blues Tab

Tabber unknown: Johnson's original recording and this transcription are both in the key of A. A standard guitar tuning is used. A capo is used on the second fret.

/ = denotes slide
* = denotes bending 1/4 step

INTRO:

Amaj7 A7     D7

If I send for my baby, man and she don't come

A5       E7/5   N.C.    A       A6    A7
E-5--0-0-0-0------|---0-0-0-0------|---5-3-3-3-0--|
B---------- ---7-7-6-6-6-- ---5-5-5-5-5-
G---------- ---8-8-7-7-7-- ---5-5-5-5-5-
D-9--- ---9-8-7-7-7-- ---5-5-5-5-5-
A-0------ ---0-0-0------ ---5-5-5-5-5-
E------ ---0-0-0------ ---5-5-5-5-5-

If I send for my baby, man and she don't come

Amaj7 A7      D7
E-5--4--4--4--4-- ---5-5-5-5-5-- ---5-5-5-5-5--|
B---------- ---5-5-5-5-5-- ---5-5-5-5-5--
G---------- ---5-5-5-5-5-- ---5-5-5-5-5--
D-2------ ---4-4-4-4-4-- ---4-4-4-4-4-- ---2-2-2-2--
A-0------ ---0-0-0------ ---5-5-5-5-5-- ---5-5-5-5-5--
E------ ---0-0-0------ ---5-5-5-5-5-- ---5-5-5-5-5--

All the doctors in Hot Springs sure can't help her none.

A      E7/5  D7/F#      A       A7
A6    A+    E-5--3--2--0------ ---5-5-5-5-5-- ---5-5-5-5-5--
B-5------ ---0-0-0------ ---5-5-5-5-5-- ---5-5-5-5-5--
G-5------ ---0-0-0------ ---5-5-5-5-5-- ---5-5-5-5-5--
D-2------ ---0-0-0------ ---5-5-5-5-5-- ---5-5-5-5-5--
A-0------ ---0-0-0------ ---2-2-2-2-- ---2-2-2-2-- ---2-2-2-2--
E------ ---0-0-0------ ---2-2-2-2-- ---2-2-2-2-- ---2-2-2-2--

And if she gets unruly, thinks she don't want to do.

E7       A7      Adim7    A7
E-0------ ---9-9-9-9------ ---9-9-9-9------
B---------- ---8-8-8-8------ ---9-9-9-9------
G---------- ---7-7-7-7------ ---9-9-9-9------
D-0------ ---9-9-9-9------ ---9-9-9-9------
A-2------ ---0-0-0------ ---0-0-0------ ---0-0-0------
E------ ---0-0-0------ ---0-0-0------ ---0-0-0------
If she gets unruly and thinks she don't want to do.

Take my thirty-two-twenty, now I cut her half in two.

She got a east.