

# Alabama Blues

Words & Music:  
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*I discovered this via the Peter Green-John Mayall cover from A Hard Road (1967). That version is a simple voice & one guitar. I've given the basic placement of the chords, but you can put it in any key you want.*

INTRO: V IV I V *[or intro of your choice]*

V I IV I  
I never will go back to Alabama, 'cause that is not the place for me.

IV I  
I never will go back to Alabama, 'cause that is not the place for me.

V  
You know they killed my sister and my brother,  
IV I *[turnaround of choice]*

And the whole world let them peoples go down there free

My brother was taken up for my mother, and a police officer shot him down.

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I can't help but to sit down and cry sometime,  
Think about how my poor brother lost his life

Alabama, Alabama, why do you wanna be so mean?  
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You got my people behind a barbwire fence,  
Now, you tryin' to take my freedom away from me.

ADDITIONAL VERSE:

I never will love Alabama, Alabama seem to never have loved poor me.  
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Oh, God I wish you would rise up one day,  
Lead my peoples to the land of pea'. *["pea'" = "peace"]*