

Preachin' Blues (Up Jumped the Devil)

(Son House lyrics variation 1)

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Oh, I'm gonna get me a religion, I'm gonna join the Baptist Church.
Oh, I'm gonna get me a religion, I'm gonna join the Baptist Church.
I'm gonna be a Baptist preacher, and I sure won't have to work.

Oh, I'm a-preach these blues and I, I want everybody to shout.
I want everybody to shout.
I'm gonna do like a prisoner, I'm gonna roll my time on out.

Oh, I went in my room, I bowed down to pray.
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'Til the blues come along, and they blowed my spirit away.

Oh, I'd-a had religion, Lord, this very day.
Oh, I'd-a had religion, Lord, this very day.
But the womens and the whiskey, they would not set me free.

Oh, I wish I had me a heaven of my own.
[spoken: Great God Almighty!]
Hey! A heaven of my own.
'Til I'd give all my women a long, long happy home.

Hey, I love my baby, just like I love myself.
Oh, just like I love myself.
Well, if she don't have me, she won't have nobody else.