

# Preachin' Blues (Up Jumped the Devil)

(Son House lyrics variation 2)

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I said I was gonna get me religion,  
I say, I'm gonna join the Baptist Church.  
Yes, I said I was gonna get me religion,  
Yeah, I was gonna join the Baptist Church.  
You know, I want to be a Baptist preacher,  
Just so I wouldn't have to work.

Well, my deacon looked around and he began to grin.  
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You know one thing, elder,  
I believe I'll go back to ba'lhousing [*barrelhousing*] again.

You know, one of my sisters jumped up and she began to shout.  
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She said, "I'm so glad all this old corn liquor's gone out."

Yeah, I picked up my suitcase and I took off down the road.  
Well, I grabbed up my suitcase and I took off down the road.  
I said, "Farewell, farewell, church. May the good Lord bless you so."

You know, up in the pulpit, I's jumpin' up & down.  
Whoa! I's in the pulpit and I's jumpin' up & down.  
Some of my members was over in the corner.  
They was hollerin', "Alabama bound!"