

Key: E **Notes:** Use the Brownie shuffle. Color boxes call out slightly different chorus versions.

[Intro] (blues intro)

[Verse 1]

From my ^Echildhood where I am now
I ain't gonna worry, I'll get by somehow ^A

[Chorus #1]

My momma had 'em, ^{G#7(bar)} my daddy had 'em too ^{A7(bar)}
^E ^{F#} ^{B7} ^{F#} ^E
I - was - born - with the blues

[Verse 2]

I'll tell you somethin' ^E Friend it ain't no joke
I wouldn't take my past life ^A For my weight in gold

[Chorus #1]

My momma had 'em, ^{G#7(bar)} my daddy had 'em too ^{A7(bar)}
^E ^{F#} ^{B7} ^{F#} ^E
I - was - born - with the blues

[Verse 3]

I've used my guitar for my pillow ^A
Hollow log has even been my bed ^A
^{G#7(bar)} Blues, my only ^{A7(bar)} companion
^{B7}
I had to sing the blues for my meat and bread

[Verse 4]

I want you to know ^E I begin to roam
Poor old me, I come from a broken home ^A

[Chorus #2]

^{G#7(bar)} But I'm not ashamed ^{A7(bar)} Ain't that the news
^E ^{F#} ^{B7} ^{F#} ^E
I - been - livin' - with the blues

[Verse 5]

If you think I'm happy ^E You don't know my mind
Smile on my face ^A My heart's bleeding all the time

[Chorus #3]

^{G#7(bar)} But I'm not ashamed ^{A7(bar)} Ain't that the news
^E ^{F#} ^{B7} ^{F#} ^E
I - was - born - with the blues

[Outro]

^{G#7(bar)} But I'm not ashamed (oh friend) ^{A7(bar)} Ain't that a lot of news
^E ^{F#} ^{B7} ^{F#} ^E
I - was - born - with the blues

[Alternate Lyrics]

Don't believe I'm sinkin' ^E Just look what a hole I'm in
Don't believe I love ya ^A Look what a fool I've been
^A Rocks was my mother 'n father's pillow
^A Cold ground had to be their beds
^{G#7(bar)} Blue sky ^{A7(bar)} was their blanket
^{B7} And the moonlight was their spread