

House of the Rising Sun

Amerikanischer Folk-Song

Text und Melodie: traditionell, Herkunft und Ursprung umstritten

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first staff shows chords Dm, F, Gm, B♭, A, and A7. The lyrics for the first section are: "There is a house in New Orleans, they". The second staff continues with chords Dm, F, A, and A7, with lyrics: "call the Rising Sun. It's". The third staff continues with chords Dm, F, A, and A7, with lyrics: "been the ruin in of many poor". The fourth staff concludes with chords B♭, Dm, A7, and Dm, with lyrics: "girl, and me, O God, for one." Measure numbers 1 through 17 are indicated above the staff lines.

2. If I had listened what Mamma said,
I'd been at home today.
Being so young and foolish, poor boy,
Let a rambler lead me astray.

3. Go tell my baby sister
Never do like I have done
To shun that house in New Orleans
They call the Rising Sun.

4. My mother she's a tailor;
She sold those new blue jeans.
My sweetheart, he's a drunkard, Lord, Lord,
Drinks down in New Orleans.

5. The only thing a drunkard needs,
Is a suitcase and a trunk.

The only time he's satisfied,
Is when he's on a drunk.

6. Fills his glasses to the brim,

Passes them around.

Only pleasure he gets out of life,
Is hoboin' from town to town.

7. One foot is on the platform,

And the other one on the train.

I'm going back to New Orleans,

To wear that ball and chain.

8. Going back to New Orleans,

My race is almost run.

Going back to spend the rest of my life,

Beneath that Rising Sun.