COLD STEEL BLUES

The blues she was a-turning, like a wheel within a wheel Son House his hand was churning over gleaming cold cold steel Like a bell cold steel was ringing to the magic of Son's moving hand You could feel her voice singing with the pain of the deep south land

Son moaned and he hollered, he was lost inside his pain And cold steel she was whining as the blues made her insane Yes cold steel was the bullet and Son he was the gun There was no way to avoid it, they gave the blues to everyone

They were lost upon a journey that black people know so well Their hearts will carry evermore that little piece of hell And they were on that journey, along that endless road Two piled up fears of more than two hundred years made a heavy load

Son's hands creating magic, and he held cold steel real tight And her body it was blinding as it shimmered in the light Son was coming home now, although his blues will have no end He lived and played the pain of the blues, Son House could not pretend

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