

Frankie Blues [1927]

Arranged by Edward Joseph Collins, composer

From *AMERICAN SONGBAG*, by Carl Sandburg,
author, poet, and Chicago acquaintance of Collins.

1. Frankie was a good woman,
Ev'rybody knows,
Gave forty-one dollars to buy Albert
A suit of clothes;
"Yes, he's my man, but he done me wrong."
2. Frankie went to the corner,
Took a forty-four gun,
Shot her Albert a-rooty-ti-toot,
And away he tried to run:
"He was my man, but he done me wrong."
3. "Roll me over easy,
Roll me over slow,
Roll me over on my right side,
'Cause the bullet hurt me so;
I was your man, but I done you wrong."
4. Frankie sit in a parlor,
Cool herself with a fan,
Tell all the other women and girls,
"Don't trust any doggone man,
He'll do you wrong, he'll do you wrong."