

# Everything I Know About The Blues

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I learned to swim when daddy threw me in the river  
The army taught me how to shine my shoes  
The years have shown me that nothin' lasts forever  
But everything I know about the blues  
I learned from you

I thought I'd seen my share of bad luck and hard times  
But nothin' set me up for what you put me through  
I learned a lesson that will hurt me for a lifetime  
'Cause everything I know about the blues  
I learned from you

I know that promises are things that just get broken  
And you can't trust a woman's tears  
And if love is what you place your hope in  
All your hope may disappear

In certain circles I've acquired a reputation  
But I give credit where credit is due  
Yes it's true I've got a first rate education  
'Cause everything I know about the blues  
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