

Birth of the Blues

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Oh! They say some people long ago
Were searching for a diff'rent tune,
One that they could croon
As only they can.

They only had the rhythm so
They started swaying to and fro.
They didn't know just what they had
And that is how the blues really began:

They heard the breeze in the trees
Singing weird melodies
And they made that
The start of the blues.

And from a jail came the wail
Of a down hearted frail,
And they played that
As part of the blues.

From a whippoorwill out on a hill,
They took a new note,
Pushed it through a horn
'til it was born into a blue note.

And then they nursed it, rehearsed it,
And gave out the news
That the southland
Gave birth to the blues!