

“Sadie’s Servant Room Blues” by Hattie Burleson (1928)

This here job don’t pay me much,

They give me just what they think I’m worth.

I’m going to change my mind, Yeah, change my mind.

’Cause I keep the servant room blues all the time.

I receive my company in the rear,

Here these folks don’t want to see them here.

I’m going to change my mind, Yeah, change my mind.

’Cause I keep the servant room blues all the time.

I’m going to change this little new room for a nice big flat,

Goin’ to let my friends know where I’m living at.

I’m going to change my mind, Yeah, change my mind.

’Cause I keep the servant room blues all the time.

They have a party at noon, a party at night,

The midnight parties don’t ever break up right.

I’m going to change my mind, Yeah, change my mind.

’Cause I keep the servant room blues all the time.

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