

# Bumble Bee Blues

Memphis Minnie (1930)

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Bumble bee, bumble bee, won't you please come back to me  
Bumble bee, bumble bee, won't you please come back to me  
He's got the best old stinger of any bumble bee that I've ever seen

He stung me this morning, I've been looking for him all day long  
He stung me this morning, looking for him all day long  
Lord, he got me to the place, hate to see my bumble bee leave home

I can't stand it here, buzz buzz buzz, come in bumble bee, I want you to stop your fuss  
You're my bumble bee, and you know your stuff  
Oh, sting me, bumble bee, until I get enough

Mmm, sting me in my right arm  
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He stung me this morning, I've been looking for him all day long

Sometimes he makes me happy, and sometimes he makes me cry  
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He had me to the place once, I wished to God that I could die

*Original version, 1929:*

I got a bumble bee, don't sting nobody but me  
I got a bumble bee, don't sting nobody but me  
And I tell the world, he's got all the stinger I need

And he makes better honey, any bumble bee I ever seen  
And he makes better honey, any bumble bee I ever seen  
And when he makes it, oh, how he makes me scream

He gets to flying and buzzing, stinging everybody he meets  
He gets to flying and buzzing, stinging everybody he meets  
Lord, I wonder why my bumble bee wants to mistreat me

Mmm, where's my bumble bee gone?  
Mmm, wonder where's my bumble bee gone?  
I been looking for him, my bumble bee, so long, so long

My bumble bee got ways, just like a natural man  
My bumble bee got ways, just like a natural man  
He's stinging somebody, everywhere he lands