

# Hesitation Blues

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I'm standing on the corner with a dollar in my hand  
Looking for a woman who is looking for a man

Tell me how long do I have to wait  
Can I get you now, or must I hesitate?

Well you must love your neighbors, what the good book say  
But that don't mean to love her, when her husband's away

A doctor's in love with my girl they say  
I got her eating apples just to keep him away

A nickel is a nickel, a dime is a dime  
Got a house full of children, not one of them's mine

Eagle on the dollar says, "In God We Trust"  
If you want a good girl gotta see that dollar first

I've met girls on the trains and on the river boats  
But my good woman got what makes a mule eat his oats

I've got ham in my knees, I may be awfully dumb  
But I got more ideas of loving than Wrigley has gum

I was born in London, I was raised in France  
I'm a dirty old daddy and I wear silk pants

If the river was whiskey and I was a duck  
I'd swim to the bottom and never come up

I don't know, but I've been told  
Saint Peter taught the angels how to jelly roll

Put on my hesitation stockings and my hesitation shoes  
Long as I got them hesitation blues