

## What's the Matter Now?

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Papa, Papa, treetop tall  
Hear your lovin' mama call  
You ain't doin' no good  
You ain't treatin' me like you should  
Papa, Papa, hear my plea  
Stop mistreatin' me  
You stay, stay away  
That's why you hear me say  
What's the matter now?  
What's the matter now?  
Ain't seen you, honey  
Since well last spring  
Tell me, pretty Papa  
Have you broke that thing?  
What's the matter now  
That we can't get along somehow?  
I ain't had no sugar in a long time  
Tell me, what's the matter now?  
Daddy, tell me what's the matter now?  
What's the matter now?  
What's the matter now?  
You never give me lovin'  
Like a daddy should  
Tell me, do you really think  
I'm made o' wood?  
What's the matter now?  
Cruel Daddy, we can't get along somehow  
Mama wants some honey from that honeycomb  
Tell me, what's the matter now?  
Daddy, tell me what's the matter now?