

## Bessie Couldn't Help It

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Bessie couldn't help it,  
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Bessie couldn't help it any more than you could, or I could  
Bessie couldn't help it though she tried to be good, Oh! So good.

She was pretty as the heavens above  
Oh! Boy but how she could love  
Bessie had affection that was simply wonderful, terrible  
But Bessie couldn't help it any more than you could or I could.  
When she smiled you were bound to fall, that's all  
A boy kissed Bessie in the parlor one night  
Why, oh! Why did she yell with delight  
'Cause Bessie couldn't help it any more than you could, or I could

Aww! Dum pe dum now people listen  
Bessie couldn't help it any more than you could or I could  
No Bessie couldn't help it though she tried to be good, oh! So good.  
She was pretty as the heavens above  
And oh! Boy how that girl could love  
Bessie had affection that was simply wonderful  
Bop, bop be de oww.  
Bessie couldn't help it any more than you could, or I could  
Now when she smiled you were bound to fall, that's all. Boy!  
Boy kissed Bessie in the street one night  
My oh! My how she yelled with delight  
Bessie couldn't help it any more than you could, or I could