

Empty Pocket Blues

Odetta

I never had a pocket full of money
I never had a ruby red ring
All I ever had was you, babe
To sit and listen to me sing
I got the blues
The empty pocket blues

And I never had a barrel full of money
Never had a big Cadillac
All I ever had was you, babe
And that's a fact
I got the blues
The empty pocket blues

Some people got barrels of money
Bushels of ruby red rings
But they ain't got a man like mine
And they don't know how to sing
I got the blues
The empty pocket blues

Now some say the blues are sorrowful
Some say the blues are sad
But when I sing the blues to you
They come out feelin' glad
I got the blues
The empty pocket blues

Now don't put your money in a barrel
Don't waste it on a ruby red ring
Give it all to your own little girl
To fix your dinner while you sing
I got the blues
The empty pocket blues

I got the blues
The empty pocket blues