

Beale Street Blues

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3 TIMES

G **G7** **C** **E°7** **E♭°7** **G** **D7** **G**
 I've seen the lights of gay Broad - way,
 The sev - en won - ders of the world I've seen,
G
 Old Mark - et Street down by the Fris - co Bay, I've strolled the
 And man - y are the pla - ces I have been, Take my ad -
C **G**
 Pra - do, I've gam - bled on the Bourse.
 vice, folks, and see Beale Street first.
D7 **G** **D7** **G**
G **C** **G** **D** **A7** **D** **D+**
 You'll see pret - ty browns in beau - ti - ful gowns, you'll see tail - or mades and hand - me - downs, You'll
 If Beale Street could talk, if Beale Street could talk, mar - ried men would have to take their beds and walk, Ex -
G **G7** **C** **E°7** **E♭°7** **G** **D7** **G**
 meet hon - est men and pick - pock - ets skilled, you'll find that bus - 'ness nev - er clos - es till some - bod - y gets killed.
 cept one or two who nev - er drink booze, and the blind man on the cor - ner who sings the Beale Street Blues.
C **G7** **C**
 I'd rath - er be here than an - y place I know, I'd rath - er
 Goin' to the riv - er, may - be, bye and bye, Goin' to the
F **C** **C#°7**
 be here than an - y place I know, It's goin' to
 riv - er, and there's a rea - son why, Be - cause the
Dm **G7** **C**
 take the ser - geant for to make me go.
 riv - er's wet, and Beale Street's done gone dry.