

Don't Noise Me

Background: I was watching a documentary on the legendary Robert Johnson, whose influence is incalculable. Not many people knew him or really saw him when he was alive. Much of the stories are just that, legends. Of the big names, only Muddy Waters and Son House, whose style influenced him, actually saw him. Son House told a story of how the first time he saw him, Johnson couldn't play and was making a racket, so he told him "don't be noisin' me boy." I thought that was a great phrase for a blues song. Then Poor Bob went away, allegedly to the crossroads, and came back to shock them all with his playing.

Well, that's the legend anyway.

Written: 2024

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	E	4/4	Standard	120	12-bar Delta Blues in E	None

Arrangement	1
Intro	Any Blues intro in E
Verse	E7 E E7 E A7 A E7 E B7 A7 E7 E
Chorus	A7 A E7 E A7 A E7 E B7 A7 E7 B7

Chords Used in this Song

E7	E	A7	A	B7

Don't Noise Me

Verse 1

Son House heard a young man
Messin' with his guitar
Makin' an obscene racket
Screechin' like a crashin' car
Son say boy go down to the crossroads (sell you soul)
The Devil will make you a star

Until then...

Chorus 1

Don't noise me boy
Don't ramble on my mind
I said don't be noisin' me boy
Don't treat me unkind
You know it annoys me when
You noise me up inside

Verse 2

Robert came back to his Sweet Home
A guitar he did bring
Now Poor Bob could play
Made that bird whistle and sing
Son sat stunned said boy
You sure make that thing sting

Bob said...

Chorus 2

Don't noise me boy
Don't preach to me in vain
Don't noise me boy
You know you're hurting my brain
You know all your noisin'
Is driving me insane

Verse 3

I ain't seen him in a while
Seems he's long gone
Heard he stepped in on a lady
Done her old man wrong
Got that hellhound on his trail
Put him right where he belong

Her old man said...

Chorus 3

Don't noise me boy
Don't holler 'round here no more
Don't be noisin' me boy
Don't be creepin' round my door
You got the poison now
For noisin' up the wrong door

Verse 4

If you see him tell him
Me and the Devil say hello
If you see him ask him
How's the 27 Club down below
He ain't rambling no more
Now that the devil owns his soul

The Devil said...

Chorus 4

Don't noise me boy
Don't ramble on my mind
I said be don't be noisin' me boy
Don't treat me so unkind
You know it annoys me when
You noise me up inside

Alternate Verses

Verse 5

I rode from Memphis to Norfolk
Had 36 hours to pass
From four till way past late
Gotta stop again for gas
This passway's full of stones
Hope this weather don't last

Verse 6

If you travel to the riverside
Tell the Devil I said hello
Watch for hellhounds on the trail
They'll catch you if you're slow
So roll steady young man
Enjoy your time down below

Chorus 1

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I said don't be noisin' me boy
Don't treat me unkind
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Verse: 12-Bar Delta Blues in E	
<p>Verse 1 Son House heard a young man Messin' with his guitar Makin' an obscene racket Screechin' like a crashin' car He said boy go down to the crossroads The Devil will make you a star</p> <p>Until then...</p>	<p>Chorus 3 Don't noise me boy Don't holler 'round here no more Don't be noisin' me boy Don't be creepin' round my door You got the poison now For noisin' up the wrong door</p>
<p>Chorus 1 Don't noise me boy Don't ramble on my mind I said don't be noisin' me boy Don't treat me unkind You know it annoys me when You noise me up inside</p>	<p>Verse 4 If you see him tell him Me and the Devil say hello If you see him ask him How's the 27 Club down below He ain't rambling no more Now that the devil owns his soul</p> <p>The Devil said...</p>
<p>Verse 2 Robert came back to his Sweet Home A guitar he did bring Now Poor Bob could play Made that bird whistle and sing Son sat stunned said boy You sure make that thing sting</p> <p>Bob said...</p>	<p>Chorus 1 Don't noise me boy Don't ramble on my mind I said don't be noisin' me boy Don't treat me unkind You know it annoys me when You noise me up inside</p>
<p>Chorus 2 Don't be noisin' me boy Don't preach to me in vain Don't noise me boy You know you're hurting my brain You know all your noisin' Is driving me insane</p>	<p>Alternate verses</p> <p>Verse 5 I rode from Memphis to Norfolk Had 36 hours to pass From four till way late Gotta stop again for gas This passway's full of stones Hope this weather don't last</p>
<p>Verse 3 I ain't seen him in a while Seems he's long gone Heard he stepped in on a lady Done her old man wrong Got that hellhound on his trail Put him right where he belong</p> <p>The old man said...</p>	<p>Verse 6 If you travel to the riverside Tell the Devil I said hello Watch for hellhounds on the trail They'll catch you if you're slow So roll steady young man Enjoy your time down below</p>
	<p>Chorus 1</p>