

## **Blind Willie Johnson: Lord, I Just Can't Keep from Crying (1928)**

Lord, I just can't keep from crying sometimes  
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When my heart's full of sorrow and my eyes are filled with tears  
Lord, I just can't keep from crying sometimes

My mother often told me, angels bonded your life away  
She said I would accomplish, but trust in God and pray  
I'm on the King's Highway, I'm travelin' everyday

But I just can't keep from crying sometimes  
Well, I just can't keep from crying sometimes  
When my heart's full of sorrow and my eyes are filled with tears  
Lord, I just can't keep from crying sometimes

My mother, she's in glory, thank God I'm on my way  
Father, he's gone too, and sister she could not stay  
I'm trusting Him everyday, to bear my burden away

'Cause I just can't keep from crying sometimes  
Well, I just can't keep from crying sometimes  
When my heart's full of sorrow and my eyes are filled with tears  
Lord, I just can't keep from crying sometimes

I thought when she first left me, I'd grieve for a little while  
Soon it all would be over, I'd journey on with a smile  
But the thought as I get older, I think of what I told her

And I just can't keep from crying sometimes  
Well, I just can't keep from crying sometimes  
When my heart's full of sorrow and my eyes are filled with tears  
Lord, I just can't keep from crying sometimes

Well, well...

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"Lord, I Just Can't Keep from Crying" as written by Johnson