

# Betty And Dupree

USA

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1. Bet-ty told Du-ree, "I want a dia-mond ring." \_\_\_\_\_  
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Du-ree told Bet-ty, "I'll give you most an-y-thing." 2. He said

2. He said, "Lie down, little Betty, see what tomorrow brings."  
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It may bring sunshine, may bring you that diamond ring."
3. Then he got his pistol, went to the jewelry store,  
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killed a policeman and he wounded four or five more.
4. Then he went to the post office to get the evening mail,  
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and there the sheriff caught poor Dupree and put him in that old jail.
5. Dupree's mother said to Betty, "Looka' here what you done done."  
she said said to Betty, "Looka' here what you done done."  
Made my boy rob and steal, now he's gonna be hung."
6. Betty went to the jailhouse, she could not see Dupree,  
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She told the jailer, "Tell him these words for me."
7. "I come to see you, baby, I could not see your face,  
I come to see you, baby, I could not see your face,  
you know I love you, but I cannot take your place."
8. Sail on, sail on, sail on, Dupree, sail on.  
Sail on, sail on, sail on, Dupree, sail on.  
You don't mind sailing, you'll be gone so doggone long.