

*Blues Haiku & Other New Poems* excerpts

weren't for bad luck  
we'd have no luck at all and  
Blues would go unborn

man in good spirits  
can never play show-nuff Blues  
like his woman can

Loo-zanna moanin'  
levees broke down the 9th ward  
Katrina was blamed

**Koko blue**

steamy, hot Koko  
ain't that good news  
smooth'n mellow Koko  
steady growlin' d'Blues

born Cora Walton  
in Memphis, Tennessee  
singing sweet, holy gospel  
from mama's rocking knee

then 'long come Bessie  
and Memphis Minnie too  
and 'fore very long  
Lil' Cora sang d'Blues

sweet, hot Koko  
ain't that good news  
smooth'n mellow Koko  
steady growlin' d'Blues

married Bobby "Pop" Taylor  
'cause that's what he asked  
'fore anybody knowed it  
she was growlin' on wax

now Big Bill Hill  
and Willie Dixon too  
put Koko on Chess  
singing Wang Dang Doo

Mama's hot Koko  
ain't that good news  
smooth'n mellow Koko  
steady growlin' d'Blues

got what it takes  
to be Royal Blue Queen  
make you Jump for Joy  
make a deaf mute sing

said: steamy, hot Koko  
ain't that good news  
smooth'n mellow Koko  
steady growlin' d'Blues

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