The Memphis Blues
(or Mister Crump)

Vocal edition with Norton's famous lyrics

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Music by
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(ASCAP)

Moderato

TILL READY

Slowly
c7

Folks I've just been down, down to Memphis Town,
Oh, that melody, sure appealed to me,

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That's where the people smile, smile on you all the while,
Just like a mountain stream, rippling on it seemed,

Hospitality, they were good to me,
Then it slowly died, With a gentle sigh

I couldn't spend a dime And had the grandest times,
Soft as the breeze that whines High in the summer pines,

I went out a dance in with a Tennessee dear, They had a
Hear me people, here me people, here me I pray, I'm goin' to

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Fellow there named Handy with a band you should hear and while the
take a million lessons till I learn how to play because I
dancers gently swayed, All the band-boys played,
seem to hear it yet, Simply can't forget
real Harmony, I never will forget the tune that
that blue refrain, There's nothin' like the Handy Band that
Handy called the Memphis Blues. Oh those Blues.
play'd the Memphis Blues so grand. Oh those Blues.
Chorus

They got a fiddler there that always slickens his hair, an' folks he

sure does pull some bow, And when the big Bassoon

seconds to the Trombones croon, croon, It

moans just like a sinner on Revival Day, on Revival.
Day, that melancholy strain that ever haunting refrain is like a mourning sorrow song.

Here comes the very part that wraps a spell around my heart.

It sets me wild to hear that lovin' tune again — The Memphis Blues. They got a Blues.