

PARTS: **Soprano** **Alto** **Tenor** **Bass** All

KEY: **bold** = first beat of bar ^ = rest Underline = triplet backing vocal = [text]

112 - The Birth Of The Blues

Verse 1

They heard the breeze in the trees
sing-ing weird mel-o-dies,
and they made that
the start of the blues.

Verse 2

And from a jail came a wail
of a down-heart-ed frail,
and they played that
as part of the blues.

Bridge

From a whip-poor-will out on a hill,
they took a new note;
pushed it through a horn 'til it was worn
in-to a blue note!

Verse 3

And then they nursed it, re-hearsed it,
and gave out the news
that the South-land
gave birth to the blues!

[8 x Bar Instrumental]

Verse 2 repeat

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*Music written by Ray Henderson, recorded in 1927 by
"Whispering" Jack Smith*