

THE BIRTH OF THE BLUES

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

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

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of a down-heart-ed frail,
and they played that
as part of the blues.**

Ladies

**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!**

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[8 x Bar Instrumental]

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