

Black Betty  
Larkin Poe (Leadbelly)

Verse 1:

D

Whoa, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)  
Whoa, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)  
Black Betty had a child (bam-ba-lam)  
The damn thing gone wild (bam-ba-lam)  
You know she ain't none of mine (bam-ba-lam)  
The damn thing gone blind (bam-ba-lam)

G7

Whoa, Black Betty, Whoa, Black Betty

A (stop)

D

Jump steady Black Betty, Jump steady Black Betty Now

G7

Whoa, Black Betty, Whoa, Black Betty

A (stop)

D

Jump steady Black Betty, Jump steady Black Betty Now

Verse 2:

Whoa, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)  
Whoa, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)  
She really gets me high (bam-ba-lam)  
You know that's no lie (bam-ba-lam)  
She's so rock steady (bam-ba-lam)  
And she's always ready (bam-ba-lam)  
Whoa, Black Betty, Whoa, Black Betty  
Jump steady Black Betty, Jump steady Black Betty Now  
Whoa, Black Betty, Whoa, Black Betty  
Jump steady Black Betty, Jump steady Black Betty now  
Whoa, Black Betty, Whoa, Black Betty  
Black Betty Jump steady, Black Betty are you ready now

Solo (over verse 1)

Verse 3:

Whoa, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)  
Whoa, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)  
She's from Birmingham (bam-ba-lam)  
Way down in Alabam' (bam-ba-lam)  
Well, she's shakin' that thing (bam-ba-lam)  
She really makes me sing (bam-ba-lam)  
Whoa, Black Betty, Whoa, Black Betty  
Jump steady Black Betty, Jump steady Black Betty now!  
Whoa, Black Betty, Whoa, Black Betty  
Jump steady Black Betty, Jump steady Black Betty now!

Tag:

A

Whoa, Black Betty, Whoa, Black Betty

G

Jump steady Black Betty, Jump steady Black Betty (x3)

Main Riff (capo 5)

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B	--2-2-2---2---2-----
G	--2-2-2---2---2-----
D	--2-2-2---2---2-----
A	--0-0-0-3-0-3-0-----
E	-----