

Background notes

I've always liked the blues, and I always wanted to write a blues song. The trouble is ... to write a good blues song, you have to be really miserable ... and I can never stay miserable for that long. In fact, since I became a Christian ... that is, since I really became a Christian (see "It Matters"), I have been irritatingly cheerful!

I was miserable once, and I thought, "I know what ... I'll sit down and write a blues song". So I did, and the first verse and chorus just sort of fell out. In fact, things were going so well that I cheered up, and I couldn't finish it. I eventually did, after a fashion (see "Square Peg"), but in the meantime I wrote this one. I like to think of it as the "unblues" and while it doesn't have any direct Christian message, it sort of describes my attitude to life.

It'll Take A Little More Than That ***(To Really Worry Me!)***

Words and music by Keith Miller

I've got holes in my pockets, more in my shoes,
But that's no reason to sing the blues.
You see, it don't count as a major tragedy ...
It'll take a little more that that to really worry me.

I've got dirt on my fingers, grease in my hair,
Freckles on my face but I don't care,
I've got a funny shaped mole in a place you'll never see ...
But it'll take a little more that that to really worry me.

(Instrumental)

I know that ev'rybody finds the going tough
When things are going wrong,
But there's not a lot of things that get to me enough
To keep me down for long.

My accountant said when we last spoke
"You're between hard up and stone flat broke
But the tax-man sees things very differently" ...
Ah, it'll take a little more that that to really worry me.

(Instrumental)

You may be wondering if there's a reason why
We're such a happy crowd.
Well, there's a simple regulation we apply:
- Complaining's not allowed!

I'm not good-looking, that is true
But I look OK standing next to you
And I paid a lot o' people to say that they agree ...
So it'll take a little more that that to really worry me.

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