

Midnight Special

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F Bb F
Well, you wake up in the mornin' You hear the work bell ring
C7 F
And they march you to the table You see the same old thing
Bb F
Ain't no food upon the table And no fork up in the pan
C7 F
But you'd better not complain, boy You'll get in trouble with the man

CHORUS:

Bb F
Let the midnight special Shine it's light on me
C7 F
Let the midnight special Shine the light on me
Bb F
Let the midnight special Shine the light on me
C7 F
Let the midnight special Shine it's ever-lovin' light on me

If you ever go to Houston You know you better walk right
You know you better not stagger And you better not fight
'Cause the sheriff will just arrest you You know he'll carry you down
And you can bet your bottom dollar You're penitentiary bound

Chorus

Yonder come Miss Rosie How in the world do you know?
I can tell her by her apron And the dress she wore
Umbrella on her shoulder Piece of paper in her hand
Goes a marchin to the Governor She wanna free her man

Chorus