

House of the Rising Sun

Traditional; arranged by Jim Robertson circa 2012

INTRO (instrumental build-up): Am wash

VERSE 1:

Am C D F / Am C E E
There is a house in New Orleans / They call the Rising Sun
Am C D F / Am E Am Am
And it's been the ruin of many a poor girl / And God, I know I'm one

VERSE 2:

My mother was a tailor / She sewed my new blue jeans
My father was a gamblin' man / Down in New Orleans

INTERLUDE (with bass drone and keyboard wash):

Am
a g f# f e d a

VERSE 3 (introduce throbbing bass line):

Now the only thing a gambler needs / Is a suitcase and a trunk
And the only time he's satisfied / Is when he's all a' drunk

VERSE 4:

Oh mother, tell your children / Not to do what I have done
Spend your life in sin and misery / In the House of the Rising Sun

VERSE 5 (breakdown):

Well, I got one foot on the platform / The other foot on the train
I'm goin' back to New Orleans / To wear that ball and chain

VERSE 6 (further breakdown):

There is a house in New Orleans / Called the Rising Sun
And it's been the ruin of many a poor girl / And God, I know I'm one
And God, I know I'm one
And God, I know I'm one . . .

OUTTRO (with bass throb)