

The Weary Blues Quotations

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Quotes

"He made that poor piano moan with melody."

Exp:

The piano is described as if it can cry (moan).

This shows the sadness and deep feeling in his music. His playing makes the piano sound like it is sharing his pain.

"Sweet Blues!

Coming from a black man's soul."

Exp:

The "sweet blues" means the music is both sad and beautiful. It comes from the heart and soul of the black man.

"I heard that Negro sing, that old piano moan—

'Ain't got nobody in all this world,

Ain't got nobody but ma self.'"

Exp:

The man sings that he has no one in the world, only himself. This shows his loneliness and pain. The piano's "moaning" makes the sadness even stronger.

"I got the Weary Blues

And I can't be satisfied."

Exp:

The man says he has the weary blues, meaning deep tiredness and sadness. He feels empty and restless inside. No matter what he does, he can't feel peace or happiness. This shows the sadness, struggle, and weariness of African Americans.

"I ain't happy no mo'

And I wish that I had died."

Exp:

The man feels so sad and hopeless that he wishes he were dead. It shows how strong and painful his suffering is.