



# WORKSHEET: 12 Bar Blues

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Example from “Hound Dog” performed by Big Mama Thornton

### Verse 1

(A) You ain't nothing but a hound dog,    been snoopin' round my **door**

*Call*

*Response*

(A) You ain't nothing but a hound dog,    been snoopin' round my **door**

*Call*

*Response*

(B) You can wag your tail,    but I ain't gonna feed you no **more**

*Call*

*Response*

### Verse 2

(A) You told me you was high class,    I could see through **that**

*Call*

*Response*

(A) You told me you was high class,    I could see through **that**

*Call*

*Response*

(B) And baby I know,    you ain't no real cool **cat**

*Call*

*Response*

## Part A – Independently

Complete the following blues verse. Write the third line of lyrics that is about the same length as the first two and includes a call and response. Make sure the last word of the third line rhymes with the last word of the first two lines (“**do**”).

(A) I feel so sad and lonely, don't know what I'm gonna **do**

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(B) \_\_\_\_\_



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## Part B – With a Partner

Now, with a partner, write your own blues lyrics. The words of the first two lines should be identical. The third line, however, should be different from the first two lines. Remember, the LAST WORD of the three lines of each verse should RHYME. Please do this for both verses. Lyrics must be school appropriate. *Each pair can perform their blues lyrics with the music.*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### Verse 1

(A) \_\_\_\_\_

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(B) \_\_\_\_\_

### Verse 2

(A) \_\_\_\_\_

(A) \_\_\_\_\_

(B) \_\_\_\_\_