

Oh Babe, It Ain't No Lie

Elizabeth Cotton



1. One old woman, Lord, in this town.
Keep a-telling her lies on me.
Wish to my soul that old woman would die.
Keep a-telling her lies on me.

Chorus:

Oh babe, it ain't no lie.
Oh babe, it ain't no lie.
Oh babe, it ain't no lie.
You know this life I'm living is mighty high.

2. Been all around this whole round world,
Lord, I just got back to day.
Worked all the way, honey, and I give it all to you
Honey, baby, what more can I do?

Chorus:

"Oh Babe, It Ain't No Lie" was written by Elizabeth Cotton who played guitar left handed without restringing it (i.e.: upside down). She said in a video interview:

"They asked me to do 'Oh Babe It Ain't No Lie'. That's the song I wrote about a lady who lived next door to us. My mother had to go to work and this lady would teach children. She told my mother something: made my mother punish me. That hurt me all the day 'cause I know what she told my mum was not true.

That song's 'bout me getting punished. My feelings got hurt, 'cause I did not do what Miss Mary said I did. And I used cry in a bed, and a little verse came to me, a pretty tune came to me, and I made a little song, a little tune I love."

This has been recorded by Elizabeth Cotton, the Grateful Dead, Jerry Garcia,
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