

Deep Elm (Ellum or Elem) Blues American Traditional

*Refers to the historical African American district in Dallas Texas
(Home to Blind Willie Johnson, LeadBelly, Blind Lemon Jefferson)
First recording by Cofer Bros 1923. Played by The Grateful Dead*

If you **[I]** go down to Deep Elem, keep your money in your shoes
Cause the women in Deep Elem, got them Deep Elem blues

CHORUS

[IV] Oh sweet mama, your daddy's got them Deep Elem **[I]** blues

[V7] Oh sweet mama, your daddy's got them Deep Elem **[I]** blues

If you **[I]** go down to Deep Elem, to have a little fun
Have your ten dollars ready, when the policeman comes

CHORUS

When you **[I]** go down to Deep Elem, put your money in your pants
Cause women in Deep Elem, they don't give a man a chance

CHORUS

[I] Once I knew a preacher, preached the Bible through and through
He went down to Deep Elem, now his preachin' days are through

CHORUS

	I	IV	V7
Key of C	C	F	G7
Key of D	D	G	A7
Key of E	E	A	B7
Key of F	F	Bb	C7
Key of G	G	C	D7
Key of A	A	D	E7

