

If I Don't Be There By Morning

By: Bob Dylan for Eric Clapton

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Intro and recurring pattern:

B E/b B E/b
 B E/b B
 Blue sky
 E/b B E/b B E/b
 upon the horizon,
 B E/b B
 Private eye
 E/b B E/b B B7
 is on my trail,
 E7
 And if I don't be there by morning
 B E/b B
 She'll know that I
 E/b B E/b B E/b
 must've spent the night in jail.

I been runnin'
 from Memphis to LA
 Had an appointment
 set sometime for today
 And if I don't be there by morning
 She'll know that I
 must have gone the other way.

Bridge:

D#m7 G#m
 Finding my way back to you, girl,
 B E
 lonely and blue, and mistreated too,
 D#m7 G#m
 Sometimes I think of you, girl,
 C#m7 F#6 F#7
 is it true you think of me too?

[instr. verse]

I got a woman
 living in LA
 I got a woman
 waiting for my pay,
 And if I don't be there by morning
 Pack my clothes,
 get down on your knees and pray.

Bridge:

Finding my way back to you, girl,
 lonely and blue, and mistreated too,
 Sometimes I think of you, girl,
 is it true you think of me too?

I left my woman
 with a twenty-dollar bill,
 I left her waiting,
 I hope she's waiting for me still.
 But if I don't be there by morning
 I guess that I,
 I never will.

[instr. verses and fade out]

