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"Mercedes Benz"

Oh Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz ?
My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends.
Worked hard all my lifetime, no help from my friends,
So Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz ?

Oh Lord, won't you buy me a color TV ?
Dialing For Dollars is trying to find me.
I wait for delivery each day until three,
So oh Lord, won't you buy me a color TV ?

Oh Lord, won't you buy me a night on the town ?
I'm counting on you, Lord, please don't let me down.
Prove that you love me and buy the next round,
Oh Lord, won't you buy me a night on the town ?

Everybody!

Oh Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz ?
My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends,
Worked hard all my lifetime, no help from my friends,
So oh Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz ?

That's it!

Words and music by Janis Joplin

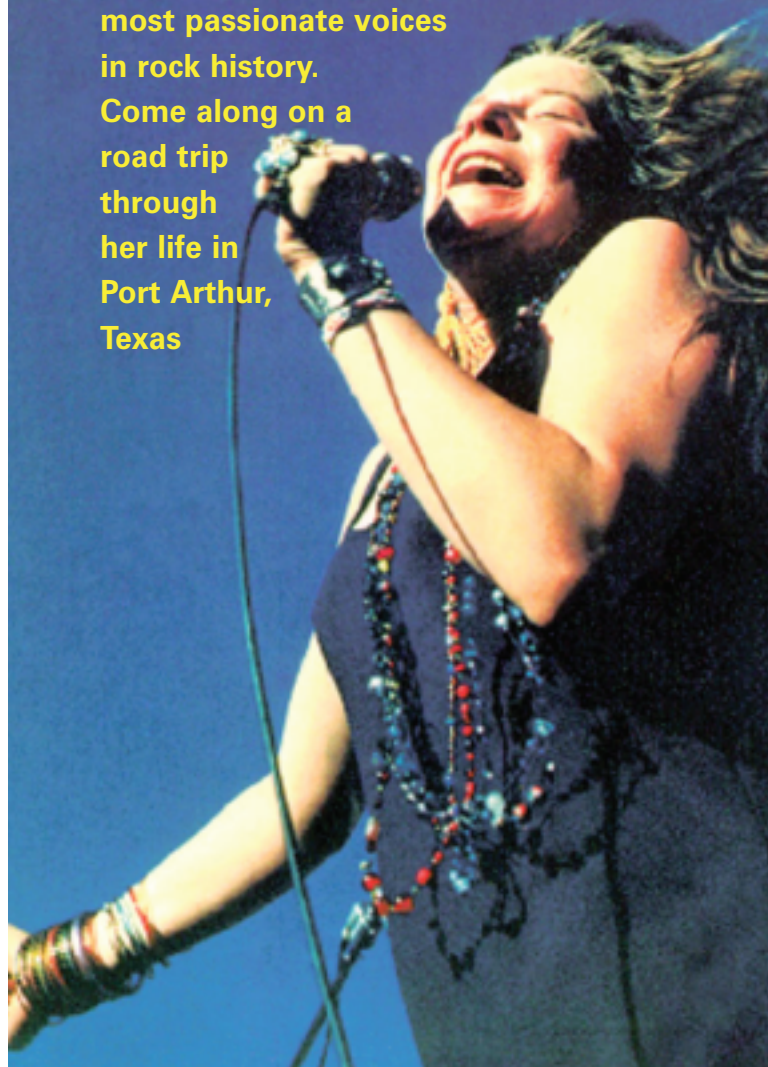
- lyrics as recorded by Janis Joplin on the 1971 album "Pearl" (Columbia VCK-30322)



Janis Joplin

Born January 19, 1943, died October 4, 1970

Janis Joplin has passed into the realm
of legend: an outwardly brash yet
inwardly vulnerable personality
who possessed one of the
most passionate voices
in rock history.
Come along on a
road trip
through
her life in
Port Arthur,
Texas



PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

Janis Joplin



was a force to be reckoned
with in the world of 1960s
music. Her passionate and
soulful song stylings made her
one of the iconic voices of her
generation. Since her death in
1970, she continues to affect
fans of all ages the world
over. For fans who have the
opportunity to visit her home

town of Port Arthur, here is a list of important
sites in the early life of Janis Joplin:

- ◆ **St. Mary's Hospital**
located at 3600 Gates Blvd.

Janis Lyn Joplin was born here on January 19,
1943 to Seth & Dorothy Joplin. She was their first
child.

- ◆ **Texaco Refinery**
located on 25th Street

At the time of Janis' birth and throughout her
childhood, her father was an employee of the
Texas Company (Texaco). Though the refinery
now bears the name of MOTIVA, a historical
marker stands as a testament to that company's
history.

- ◆ **Joplin's first home**
located at 4048 Procter Street

The Joplin's were living here when Janis was
born. Although the home has since been torn
down, individual bricks from the original home
are available for sale at the Museum of the Gulf
Coast.

- ◆ **Joplin's childhood home**
located at 4330 32nd Street

On August 19, 1947, the Joplin's purchased this
property at 3130 Lombardy in Griffing Park. The
address was later changed in 1982 when Griffing
Park consolidated with the City of Port Arthur.



- ◆ **Joplin's baptismal church**
located at 620 Woodworth Blvd.

In the early 1950s, Janis along with her mother and
younger sister Laura were members of the First
Christian Church. Janis was baptized by immersion in
1950 by the Reverend John M. Hughes. Her mother
taught Sunday school and Janis sang in the Youth
Choir. Some years later a small painting of Jesus in
the Garden of Gethsemane painted by Janis was
found in the church closet. It is currently on view in
the Museum of the Gulf Coast's Music Hall. First
Christian Church is now located at 5856 9th Ave. and
displays an autographed photo of Janis in the choir.

Me & Bobby McGee

Busted flat in Baton Rouge, waitin' for a train
And I's feelin' near as faded as my jeans
Bobby thumbed a diesel down just before it rained
It rode us all the way into New Orleans
I pulled my harpoon out of my dirty red bandana
I's playin' soft while Bobby sang the blues, yeah
Windshield wipers slappin' time, I's holdin' Bobby's hand in mine
We sang every song that driver knew, yeah

Freedom's just another word for nothin' left to lose
Nothin' don't mean nothin' 'hon' if it ain't free, no no
And feelin' good was easy, Lord, when he sang the blues
You know, feelin' good was good enough for me
Good enough for me and my Bobby McGee

From the Kentucky coal mine to the California sun
There Bobby shared the secrets of my soul
Through all kinds of weather, through everything we done
Yeah, Bobby baby kept me from the cold
One day up near Salinas, Lord, I let him slip away
He's lookin' for that home and I hope he finds it
But I'd trade all o' my tomorrows for one single yesterday
To be holdin' Bobby's body next to mine

Freedom's just another word for nothin' left to lose
Nothin', that's all that Bobby left me, yeah
But if feelin' good was easy, Lord, when he sang the blues
Hey, feelin' good was good enough for me, mm-hmm
Good enough for me and my Bobby McGee

La-da-da La-da-da-da La-da-da da-da da-da
La-da-da da-la-da la-da, Bobby McGee, yeah
La-da-la-da-la-da La-da-la-da-da
La-da-la-da-la-la, Bobby McGee, yeah
La-da-da La-da-da La da-da La da-da
La-da-da La da-da La da-da
Hey, my Bobby, Lord, my Bobby McGee, yeah
Lo-da-lo da-la-lo-da-la
Lo-da-la-lo da-la-lo la-la-lo la-la-lo la-la
Hey, my Bobby, Lord, my Bobby McGee, yeah

Lord, I call him my lover, call him my man
I said I call him my lover, did the best I can, c'mon
Hey now Bobby now, hey now Bobby McGee, yeah
La-da la-da la-da la-da la-da la-da la-la
Hey, hey, hey, Bobby McGee, Lord!

La-da la-da la-da la-da la-da la-da la-da la
Hey, hey, hey, Bobby McGee, yeah

Janis Joplin

- words and music by Kris Kristofferson

- first popularized by Roger Miller in 1969 (#12 Country hit)

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♦ **Tyrrell Elementary School**
located at 4401 Ferndale
Janis attended grades 1-6 here. In 1950 she joined the Bluebirds, a junior Camp Fire Girls club.

♦ **Woodrow Wilson Junior High**
located at 1500 Lakeshore
Janis attended grades 7-9 here.

♦ **Thomas Jefferson High School**
located at 3501 12th Street
Janis attended grades 10-11 here. The school now serves as Edison Middle School.



♦ **Thomas Jefferson High School**
located at 2200 Jefferson Drive
Janis attended her senior year of high school at this location. Hers was the first class to graduate from the new campus in the spring of 1960. The school now serves as Memorial High School.



♦ **St. Mark's Methodist Church**
located at 3131 South Park
In 1961, Janis along with her mother and sister moved their church memberships to this church.

♦ **Port Arthur College** **located at 1500 Procter Street**
After high school Janis attended Port Arthur College where she earned a Key Punch certificate and her mother worked as the Registrar. Janis later went on to study at Lamar University in Beaumont as a liberal arts major and the University of Texas at Austin as an art major. Port Arthur College is now Lamar State College - Port Arthur.

♦ **Coffee House** **located at 3632-34 Gulfway Drive**
As a teenager and young adult, Janis enjoyed spending time here. This was a gathering place for young people to drink coffee, listen to music and read poetry.

♦ **KPAC radio station**
located on the campus of Lamar State College
Janis often visited this radio station where a classmate worked as a disc jockey. The radio station later became the bookstore for



Lamar State College - Port Arthur, however the radio tower is still proudly on view.

♦ **Pleasure Island**
Janis often joined friends here where they gathered for bonfires and parties in the fishing shacks along the highway toward Holly Beach, Louisiana. Pleasure Island and Louisiana were popular escapes for many teenagers in Port Arthur during the 1960s. On these trips across the "river" Janis would visit such music clubs as The Big Oak, Buster's and The Stateline taking in the unique mix of soul, blues, gospel and rock and roll that emanated from this region. Unfortunately none of these venues are still standing.

♦ **Museum of the Gulf Coast** **located at 700 Procter Street**
The Museum's Music Hall of Fame features a permanent exhibit on the life and career of Janis Joplin with a wide array of artwork, personal effects,

photographs and memorabilia as well as a replica of Joplin's painted Porsche. Audio-visual touch screens allow visitors to see and hear samples of Janis' soulful performances. The Museum's gift shop offers a wide variety of souvenirs commemorating Joplin's influence and worldwide impact. In addition, visitors are welcome to view "Southern Discomfort," a documentary made for Biography, available for viewing in the Museum's Lloyd Hayes Theater. We recommend that visitors schedule film screenings in advance by calling 409-982-7000.

JANUARY 19, 1988
Janis Joplin was inducted into the Museum of the Gulf Coast Music Hall of Fame.

JANUARY 12, 1995
Janis Joplin was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at the tenth annual induction dinner. Melissa Etheridge was her presenter.



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