

I COULDN'T GET TO IT IN TIME

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"IT AINT GONNA RAIN NO MO"

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1

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
Dumbest song I ever heard
The words don't even rhyme,
Tunes all wrong, half left out
Tried to find what it's all about
But I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time.

2

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
I called on my honey
The clock was striking nine
Asked for a kiss, she said "No"
She told me right where to go,
But I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time.

3

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
I met a lady salesman
Her line was same as mine
She sold salt, she was blue
I couldn't shake 'er I'm a salt seller too
Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time.

4

Well I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
I'm in jail for three years
My pal is in for nine
He wrote a letter, says "Mail it Sam
Cause you're going out before I am,"
But I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time.

5

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
Sailed across the ocean
And left the land behind
Watched the fish most all the way
But missed the rail one stormy day
Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time

6

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
Always have intended
To learn to play this uke of mine
Got more strings. Got more keys
More ideas than a dog has fleas
But I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time.

7

Well, I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
The gas man called to see me
But he couldn't collect a dime
Now an ice man's cold. But a gas man's hot
He told me just what was what
But I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time.

8

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
I thought I was a fighter
But I've done changed my mind
A sock on the foot's worth two on the nose
I was born with socks on I suppose
Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time.

9

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
Of all the hungry boarders
I was last in line
They had duck, what a wreck
All they left me was the old duck's neck
Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time.

10

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time
I dropped in to visit
The wife of a friend of mine
He came home, he was sore,
He pulled a gun. I pulled for the door
But I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
Couldn't get to it in time.

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In Time

Tune Ukulele

G C E A

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Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with grace notes and slurs, while the left hand provides a steady bass accompaniment. Dynamics include *f* and *mf*.

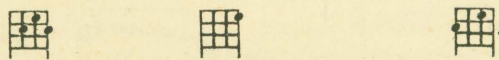
VOICE

Ukulele arr. by MAY SINGHI BREEN



Vocal line: I feel blue, — thru and thru, —
He who waits — hes - i - tates, —

Piano accompaniment includes a *Vamp* section marked *mf* and a *p* section. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.



Vocal line: Here's the rea - son why, I hes - i - tate, —
"Is lost," I — was told, I know it's so —

Piano accompaniment continues with the same style as the first verse, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

Sit and wait — when it's too late I cry
 I'm so slow — can't ev - en catch a cold

CHORUS

Oh, I could - nt get to it, Could - nt get to it,
 Oh, I could - nt get to it, Could - nt get to it,

p.f

Could - nt get to it in time,
 Could - nt get to it in time,

mp

Fire — in my cel - lar where I keep all my
 Wait - ing on a cor - ner For a trol - ley

mp

wine,
line,

The fire - men came
Heard a yell,

Took one look
"All a - board,"

Wa - ters what they left
"Had - da" dodge a Dodge

Wine is what they took, 'Cause I
Bu - ick and a Ford, But I

could - n't get to it,
could - n't get to it,

Could - n't get to it,
Could - n't get to it,

Could - n't get to it in time
Could - n't get to it in time

Oh, I time
Oh, I time

1 2

fz

11

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.
 Choir boys were singing
 I heard the church bells chime
 Down the aisle_went my gal
 By her side was my best pal
 Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

12

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 Saw a seat in a street-car
 And thought I'd make it mine
 I fought hard_that's no fib,
 Some one stepped on my floating rib
 Still I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

13

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 Boy sat on a burning deck
 His coat and pants were mine
 Grabbed a boat, took a chance
 Saved the coat but not the pants
 Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

14

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 Told my little wifie
 That I'd be home at nine
 Three o'clock rolled 'round I rolled home
 A rolling pin, rolled off my dome
 Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

15

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 Mary Pickford hugged me
 Her charms were most sublime,
 Oh, what bliss, what a joke,
 Just about to kiss when I awoke
 So I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time

16

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 Saw a chicken in a coop
 I thought I'd make him mine
 But a man - saw me stoop
 Now it's me that's in the coop
 Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

17

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 Lady lost her garter
 While walking down the line
 First one there, put it on
 Got a broken rib, got a broken arm,
 And I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time

18

Well I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 While our boys were fighting
 They took our beer and wine
 They came home, wanted beer
 Got it over there, couldn't get it here
 'Cause they couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

19

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 I bet on a race horse
 Once was enough for mine
 Got a tip, "Irish Rose"
 But a Jewish horse, beat him by a nose
 'Cause he couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

20

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 Bought some pets for wifie
 One of every kind
 Bird ate fish, cat ate bird
 Doggie ate the cat that is all I heard
 Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

21

Well I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 Bought a second hand Ford car
 They said 'twas built to climb
 Came to a hill - pushed down my foot
 And the little old Ford went put-put-put.
 But I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

22

Well I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 Thought I'd rent a row boat
 And pull away the time
 As I stepped north - the boat slipped south
 I luffed so hard my teeth fell out
 Cause I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

23

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 I bought the Woolworth building
 And after it was mine
 Tried to sell - but the deal hung fire
 So I thought I'd build it ten stories higher
 But I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.

24

Oh I couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time
 I saw a man get "pickled"
 On sacreligious wine
 He tried to beat - a train across
 And now he's fertilizin' moss
 Cause he couldn't get to it, couldn't get to it
 Couldn't get to it in time.