

## **Dead Ex-Boyfriend Blues**

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He's the ghost in this smoky bar  
Plays the juke box, hums a few bars  
You get up and dance when  
He starts playing your song

You told the tale at 2 a.m.  
No, you ain't broken-hearted  
The tattoo 'cross your chest tells another truth  
You're still in love, and he's gone

He's still laughing at your city boots  
You're still dancing like he's watching you  
Everybody's gone home, what about you?

### *Chorus:*

Fight a man, it's him or you  
Fight a memory and you always lose  
No man can beat the dead ex-boyfriend blues

You left your tears in the winter cold  
Your smile is hundred proof  
Just one more shot of whiskey  
And you're bulletproof

So how can I make love to you?  
Staring at a map of your past  
The name of a ghost in blood red and Air Force blue

### *Chorus:*

If you hit a man he'll break or bruise  
Swing at a memory, it ducks your move  
No man can beat the dead ex-boyfriend blues

You say he rattles the pearly gates  
I say he's burning below  
Remember the night he threw you out and I took you home?

In the corner of this smoky bar  
You said you'd never wear his name  
Now, look who's on your hood and your license plate

### *Chorus:*

Fight a man, it's him or you  
Rope a memory and you wear the noose  
No man can beat the dead ex-boyfriend blues

Fight a man, he'll break or bruise  
Fight a memory and you always lose  
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