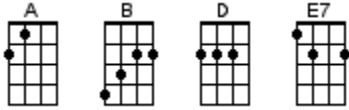


Marie Laveau

Shel Silverstein, Baxter Taylor 1971 (as recorded by Bobby Bare 1974)



The most famous of all the voodoo queens that ever existed is Marie Laveau, down in Louisiana. There's a lot of weird, ungodly tales about Marie. She's supposed to have a lot of magic potions, n' spells n'curses...

INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [A] / [A] /

[A] Down in Louisiana, where the [A] black trees grow
Lives a [A] voodoo lady named Ma-[A]rie Laveau
She got a [D] black cat tooth and a [D] Mojo bone
And [A] anyone who wouldn't [A] leave her alone
She'd go [E7] eeeeeee-[E7]↓ee! Another man done [A] gone [A]

She [A] lives in a swamp in a [A] hollow log
With a [A] one-eyed snake and a [A] three-legged dog
She's got a [D] bent, bony body and [D] stringy hair
And [A] if she ever seen y'all [A] messin' round there
She'd go [E7] eeeeeee-[E7]↓ee! Another man done [A] gone [A]

And [D] then one night when the [D] moon was black
[A] Into the swamp come [A] handsome Jack
A [B] no-good man like [B] you all know
And he was [E7]↓ lookin' around for Marie Laveau

He said Ma-[A]rie Laveau [A] you lovely witch
A-[A]gimme a little a little charm that'll [A] make me rich
A-[D]gimme a million dollars n' I'll [D] tell you what I'll do
[A] This very night, I'm gonna [A] marry you
Then it'll be [E7] mmmmmmm-[E7]↓mm! Another man done [A] gone [A]

So Ma-[D]rie done some magic, and she [D] shook a little sand
[A] Made a million dollars and she [A] put it in his hand
Then she [B] giggled and she wiggled and she [B] said "Hey, Hey!
[E7]↓ I'm getting ready for my wedding day!"

But old [A] handsome Jack he said "Good-[A]bye Marie
[A] You're too damned ugly for a [A] rich man like me
Then Ma-[D]rie started mumblin', her [D] fangs started gnashin'
Her [A] body started tremblin', and her [A] eyes started flashin'
And she went [E7] eeeeeee-[E7]↓ee! Another man done [A] gone [A]

So if you [A] ever get down where the [A] black trees grow
And meet a [A] voodoo lady named Ma-[A]rie Laveau
If [D] she ever asks you to [D] make her your wife
Man, you'd [A] better stay with her for the [A] rest of your life
Or it'll be [E7] ooooooooo-[E7]↓ee! Another man done [A] gone [A]↓