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Trouble Will Find You

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Trouble, trouble, I’ve had it all my days Trouble with a capital T Trouble with people like me Trouble, trouble, it seems like trouble going to follow me to my grave She was drinking down her troubles Have trouble at my door Troubles, no troubles, on the line They’ll wash your troubles, your troubles, your troubles away In that troubled water Trails of troubles When I’ve got trouble even opening a honey jar I told you I was trouble Trouble in mind, I’m blue Trouble falls in my home Troubled man, troubled stone You wanted trouble We are the trouble

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Ain’t that asking for trouble Have you ever been in trouble Trouble ahead, trouble behind Everyone around me knows I’m in trouble Because I’ve got troubles enough He never took much trouble Don’t it make your troubles seem small They tell me when you tell somebody your troubles Trouble fly away from you Then when you’re just about to doze, fly trouble And there was trouble, taking place I got girl trouble up the ass I thought about trouble trouble Where’s my little trouble girl? We would stay out of trouble If you decide to make me blue, I’ll be in trouble So I just want you to know, I’ll be in trouble You’re in love and I’m in trouble Keep smiling at trouble ’cause trouble is a bubble Little trouble girl Well,

35 In which Trouble Songs come home to roost: a nest of lines culled from songs referenced in parts one and two, and from an ongoing list of Trouble Songs compiled from research and suggestions. This methodological bump of the turntable is offered instead of a complete, ordered list of lines from songs referenced throughout the book, as that would suggest a sense of order and completion that runs counter to the project. We humbly offer this as the “Trouble Songs” to replace Trouble Songs.
this trouble in the house Trouble on the stairs Trouble in the trouble That trouble in the air Nobody knows the trouble I've seen We don't need no more trouble Tiny bubbles are always leadin' me knee deep into some sort of trouble Wisdom forgot them so they became trouble So much trouble in the world Think about your troubles We spell trouble Trouble in the city, trouble in the farm Trouble, trouble, trouble Nothin' but trouble Oh trouble set me free I think I'm in trouble Trouble come running Trouble where the kids are You end up here in trouble and strife I won't be trouble no more The trouble boys came in To get my baby back from the trouble boys What's the trouble down here? Knowin' the trouble down here below He was having trouble That's the trouble in this world Oh Lord I'm sorry, but there's trouble on the line Does it become you troublemaker 'Cause trouble man don't get in my way You ain't gonna trouble poor me anymore Well I pulled on trouble's braids But remember troubles don't always last Nobody knows my trouble Bad luck and trouble I'm through with all my trouble Now I'm blue and the trouble with me is you When a woman gets in trouble everybody throws her down There ain't but one thing worth my trouble in mind Wrap your troubles in dreams You've got your troubles and I've got mine

I knew you were trouble when you walked in One kiss and that spells trouble Trouble, trouble, trouble, trouble, trouble Looking for some trouble tonight Never woulda seen the trouble that I'm in Trouble's what feels good to me Papa don't preach, I'm in trouble deep She's trouble, in a word get closer to the fire Trouble seemed so far away I dance to escape my troubles I'm not looking for trouble We in trouble but you won't meet me at the bridge We don't cause trouble, we just ride