What Did I Do to Be so Black and Blue?

Cold empty bed, springs hard as lead  
Feel like Old Ned,  
wish I was dead  
All my life through, I’ve been so black and blue  
  
Even the mouse ran from my house  
They laugh at you, and scorn you too  
What did I do to be so black and blue?  
  
I'm white - inside - but that don't help my case  
Cause I can’t hide what is in my face  
  
How would it end? Ain't got a friend  
My only sin is in my skin  
What did I do to be so black and blue?

"What Did I Do to Be so Black and Blue?" Released in 1929. Performed here by Armstrong and his All Starts live in Berlin in 1965.  [Louis Armstrong - Black And Blue](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LDPUfbXRLM)

[Barbra Streisand - Hello Dolly](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mcbw0GETjZw) -- Armstrong played cameo roles in many popular movies.  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

A term from the prologue: "Weltschmerz as flamenco"  
flamenco – Spanish dance with guitar and castanets.  
Weltschmerz – a world-weariness felt by one who believes that physical reality can never satisfy the demands of the mind.  
Flamenco Dance  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjQ3jQtFu-k>   
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wL2fRBv4GxY>