

# One Step Ahead of the Blues

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I ain't high on cocaine  
I don't need the pain  
It's bad for your brain and that's true  
I ain't droppin' no names  
I ain't playin' no games  
I'm just one step ahead of the blues  
One step ahead of the blues

From Memphis to Reno  
From New York to Tokyo  
I'll try to come through for you  
I won't do you in  
I ain't no fairweather friend  
I'm just one step ahead of the blues  
One step ahead of the blues

I don't rob, I don't steal  
I ain't beggin' no meal  
I ain't driven to drink, I'm no fool  
I don't run with the crowd  
I don't talk big and loud  
I'm just one step ahead of the blues  
One step ahead of the blues

I've been under a spell  
I ain't been feelin' well  
I've been in a shell, and that's true  
Dealin' with a curse  
But it couldn't be worse  
I've been one step ahead of the blues  
One step ahead of the blues