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## Songs

# Shannon Crossroad Blues

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*Preamble – This story is about David Penny, who legend has it, like Robert Johnson before him – went down to the crossroads, not the Mississippi delta crossroads mind you - I'm talking about the Shannon crossroads, you know the place where the sign points in one direction and says "Palmerston North" in little letters and then pointing in another direction it says "CEMETRY" in big letters – with the size of the lettering perhaps hinting at the direction you might want to take. Anyway, you could be wondering how David got so good at phylogeny, it has something to do with those crossroads....*



David went to the crossroads  
David went to the crossroads – down on bended knee  
Asked the lord for mercy, got taught phylogeny

mmM standing at the crossroads  
standing at the crossroads - tryin to flag a ride  
met the man Mike Hendy, calculator by his side

Woke up next morning, he heard the news, nothing but the blues  
There aint no funding, no no nothing to loose  
David had a great big brain, that's something he could use

Parsimony score going down boy, don't let the devil catch ya here  
Parsimony score going down boy, MI optimum near  
Cladists they were preachin, Mike n Dave just did not hear

But he woke up next morning, looked at the screen, bloody cursor still stuck where it had  
been... some people tell you that the bootstrap blues aint bad, must have been the worst  
blues he most every had

Here we are standing at the crossroads, papers abound  
Standing at the crossroads, papers abound  
Lord we are standing at the crossroads, friends and family around