

Goodbye B.B. King (They're Cancelling the Blues)

Verse (A1): The night's a veil of endless stars
The Mississippi's a steel guitar
Moon's a shiny chandelier
Above my lonely river pier
Goodbye B.B. King, so long Stevie Ray
Resting in the Delta clay.

Verse (A2): If Time was a river, I'd drink my fill
Let's have us a picnic up on Blueberry Hill
Bebop-a-Lula, my sweet divorcee
Anticipation is making me crazy
Goodbye Etta James, so long James Brown
The mob is tearing Beale St. down

Chorus (B1): I heard a whisper cold & clear
Dripping garbage in my ear
"Erase the names, cancel heroes
Let's restart at absolute zero."
So long Elvis Presley & your blue suede shoes
They're cancelling the Blues (repeat refrain...)

Verse (A3): The crazy voice was cavalier
My poor old heart grew sick with fear.
The Mississippi seemed black as blood
Could we survive the coming flood?
So long Hank Williams, goodbye Little Walter
The bride skipped town, can't say I fault her.

Verse (A4): The crazy tried to domineer
Then all at once it disappeared

Left me shaken to my core
Wondering what lay in store
So long Son House, Blind Willie McTell
Can we avoid the demon spell?

Chorus (B2): "Let's cancel all who came before us
We are the self-anointed chorus.
Don't bother us with clever rhymes.
Give us the shuffle, we'll find the crime.
We'll make you an offer you cannot refuse
We're cancelling the Blues (repeat refrain...)"

Verse (A5): Night's a veil of endless stars
Mississippi's a steel guitar
Moon's a shiny chandelier
Above my lonely river pier
Goodbye B.B. King, so long Stevie Ray
Resting in the Delta clay.
So long Elvis Presley and blue suede shoes
Have you heard? They're cancelling the blues (3x)
FINE

Notes:

[Beale Street](#) ('home of the blues') in Memphis, Tennessee runs from the Mississippi River to East Street and is central to the history of the Blues.
'Brother Ray' is Ray Charles.