

# Her First Mistake

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Once upon a time ago  
Way up in the land of sleet and snow  
How this fairy tale would go  
I could not have known

I had searched around this world so mean  
From Livingstone to Palestine  
Trying to pursue my dream  
Of love

It was then I met this girl so fine  
She made me think so fast I left my thought behind  
And I tried to pass for a sophisticated  
Northern man

I said why yes my dear I know exactly what you mean  
Because there's not so much I haven't done or seen  
And may I say your eyes are the loveliest  
Shade of jade

I said come on baby  
Come on baby  
Come on baby

It was then I knew I had made my first mistake  
She did not even start to wait  
And as she turned around to walk away  
This is what she had to say

She told me man I come from way down South  
I've got a picket fence with a picket house  
And I don't need no fast talking Northern man  
Like you around

I said well come on baby  
Come on baby  
Come on baby

Honey I don't know what you just heard  
But Alabama is my favorite word  
And Birmingham  
Is a long way from here

I could see the light began to shine  
She turned back around her eyes met mine  
And suddenly the whole world became  
A better place

Even if it was only for an instant  
Because it was then I knew I had made my  
Second mistake

She told me man that was a real good try  
But Alabama's not where I reside  
I come from where the river is wide  
And the crawfish hide

I said well come on baby  
Come on baby  
Come on baby

Honey I don't know what you just heard  
But Louisiana is my favorite word  
And New Orleans  
Is a long way from here

She just looked at me and shook her head  
Your lines are pretty sad she said  
You are a lonely, weak, pathetic man  
If this is doing the best you can

It was then I knew I had made my third mistake  
Yes three strikes right across the plate  
And as I hollered honey please wait  
She was gone

I said well come on baby  
Come on baby  
Come on baby

Honey I don't know what you just heard  
Bartender set 'em up are my favorite words  
Because the love I need  
Is a long way from here

Oh the love I need  
Is a long way from here

Yes well there I sat so all alone  
Like a king who sits upon his throne  
And whose kingdom may have just gone home  
With another kingdom

So as you can imagine much to my surprise  
When the door was flung back open wide  
It was a miracle  
She walked inside  
And pulled her chair up next to me

And that's when she knew  
She had made her  
First mistake

Honey I don't know what you just heard  
But come on baby  
Are my favorite words  
And where we're going  
Is a long way from here

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Is a long way from here

So like I said before  
I could not have known  
How this fairy tale would finally go  
Still the only certain thing for sure  
Is what I do not know

So like the years and all the seasons pass  
And like the sand runs through the hour glass

I just keep on running faster  
Chasing the happily  
I am ever after

I just keep on running faster  
Chasing the happily  
I am ever after