

# The Name of the Game Is Stud

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Well late last night, in the Kettle of Fish  
I was havin' a glass of beer  
When up comes a Rounder by the name of Sam  
That lately been seen around here  
He gives me a "Howdy" and he buys me a drink  
And he calls me by my name  
Says some of the boys are just a-waitin' upstairs  
Would you like to have a Poker game  
There were four or five fellas round the table upstairs  
The smoke was thick as sin  
They took my coat and they pulled up a chair  
And they proceeded to deal me in  
I started in winnin' with the very first hand  
And I kept on winnin' for a while  
I had money in my pockets and money in my shoes  
And money in a great big pile  
But it's -  
Oh Lordy, don't you see  
This old Stud Poker be the ruin of me  
You got to get ready to shed some blood  
When the name of the game is Stud  
I kept on winnin' for an hour or more  
And the boys were feelin' low  
I was lookin' like a winner n' feeling like a sinner  
And I just about had their dough  
I caught a pair of aces on the very last hand  
And I bet my whole bank-roll  
But Sam he had a pair of deuces on the deck  
And another deuce in the hole  
And it's -  
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This old Stud Poker be the ruin of me  
You got to get ready to shed some blood  
When the name of the game is Stud  
You know I lost every penny I had in the world  
I lost my last red cent  
Now my old woman ain't talkin' to me  
And the landlord wants his rent  
I know I had it comin' and it sure enough did  
And I've only got myself to blame  
But my fingers keep itching and I keep on twitching  
Just to find another Poker game  
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