

# Hell's Gate

CocoRosie

From the cracking of the whip  
Nanny worked down at the shop  
Lifting hell's gate, she lifted hell's gate  
From the cracking of the whip  
Pappy worked down at the shipyard  
Jail mate, jail mate

Toss a penny to the sky  
Heads or tails, who knows, not I  
False alarm, narrow escape  
Nearly got my cousin raped  
Hell's gate  
Feathers ruffle hell's gate

Shoot the cat, shoot the crow  
Empty pocket seed to sew  
Daddy wore his baggies low  
Stinky long john

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Toss a penny, make it grow  
Take the shine off  
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Toss a penny to the sky  
Heads or tails, who knows, not I  
Time to pass on in them chips  
If the shoe never fit  
Toss a penny to the sky  
Heads or tails to live or die  
Time to pass on in your chips  
If you've given your last wish

My momma taught me how to pray  
I didn't know who to blame or who to thank  
I see her face in the clouds  
Pick a feather from the ground  
Try to make my momma proud  
What would she say to you?

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