

Showboat Gambler

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Tonight I'll board the Delta Queen
A-bound for New Orleans
And again I'll get that feelin' that I'm free
Her paddle wheels will churn;
And her smoke stacks they will burn
And slowly I'll be carried to the sea

'Cause I'm a Rambler, a showboat gambler
I make my livin' on the run
I'm a Rambler, a showboat gambler
Big Muddy will always be my home

I know every river ship
'Cause I've taken every trip
And I know every captain by his name
In the eyes of every man
I can tell what's in his hand
I guess that I have played in every game

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Tonight I'm a-sittin' here
Beneath a chandelier
There's a lady here to light my big cigar
And if luck will be my friend
We'll be finished up by ten.
And we'll be standin' on the decks beneath the stars.

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