

Big Bad Bill (Is Sweet William Now)

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In the town of Louisville
They got a man called Big Bad Bill
I want to tell you he sure was tough
Yeah, all folks scared to death

When he walked by they held their breath
He was a mighty man sure enough
Now Bill took himself a wife
Now he's a different guy

Big Bad Bill is sweet William now
Married life has changed him somehow
Yet he's not the man they used to fear
Now the people call him, sweet Papa Willie dear

Stronger than Sampson I'll declare
And he's bound in mama comb his hair
Big Bad Bill don't fight anymore
Wash his dishes and he might sweep the floor

Yeah, he used to spend his evenings a lookin' for a fight
But now he gotta see his Mama every night

'Cause Big Bad Bill is sweet William now
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