

# Kentucky Gambler

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I wanted more from life, than four kids and a wife  
And a job in a dark Kentucky mine  
A twenty acre farm, with a shacky house and barn  
Thats all I had and all I left behind.

But at gambling, I was lucky, and so I left Kentucky  
And left behind my woman and my kids  
Into the gay casinos, of Nevada's town of Reno  
This Kentucky Gambler planned to get rich quick.

Kentucky gambler who's going to love your woman in Kentucky  
Yeah and who's going to be the one to give her all she needs  
Kentucky gambler, who's going to raise your children in Kentuck  
y  
And who's going to keep them fed and keep them shoes on their f  
eet.

There at the gambler's Paradise, Lady luck was on my side  
And this Kentucky gambler played just right  
Hey, I wanted everything I played, I really thought I had it ma  
de  
But I should have quit and gone on home that night.

But when you love the green backed dollar, sorrow always bound  
to follow  
And Reno's dreams fade into neon amber  
And Lady Luck, she'll lead you on, she'll stay a while, and the  
n she's gone  
You better go on home, Kentucky gambler.

But a gambler never seems to stop till he loses all he's got  
And with a money-hungry fever, I played on  
I played till I'd lost all I'd won, I was right back where I'd  
started from  
Then I started wanting to go home.

Kentucky gambler, there ain't nobody, waiting in Kentucky  
When I ran out, somebody else walked in  
Kentucky gambler, looks like you ain't really very lucky  
And it seems to me a gambler loses much more than he wins.

Much more than he wins.