

Daddy Was a Gambling Man

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He doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke
He doesn't fool around when he plays in town, he just goes for broke
And when he is away, she can't help but feel the chill
'Cause Daddy is a gamblin' man, but Mama loves him still

She counts her blessings while he counts his cards
The only other girl in his whole wide world is the Queen of Hearts
She knows he can't quit, he just hasn't got the will
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Mama said "Love comes with a price"
It's a turn of the cards, it's a roll of the dice

She's always waiting when he comes back home
She tries to hide the tears as he says "My Dear, the money's all gone"
But as he lay sleeping, she goes to pawn her wedding band
And bring him back the money and pray for a decent hand

She prays that their luck will change, but knows it prob'ly never will
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