

Cash Johnny

"The Baron"

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As he walked into the poolroom
You could tell he didnt fit
In his handmade boots, custom suits
and pearl handled shooting stick
Tonight thered be a showdown
then everyone would know
Who shoots the meanest game around
The Baron or Billy Joe
Billy Joe looked Edgy
About to lose his cool
But the Barons hands were steady
As the two began to duel
Yeah he was like a general
on a battlefield of slate
And hed say to Billy Joe
each time he sunk the eight
Hed Say

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Now Billy Joe was busted

But he hadn't felt the sting
And from the far end of the table
He threw his mother's wedding ring
And he said you won my money
But it ain't gonna do the trick
I'll bet this ring on one more game
against your fancy stick
The Baron's eyes got foggy
as the ring rolled on the felt
And he almost doubled over
Like he had been hit below the belt
Twenty years ago
It was the ring his wife had worn
And he didn't know before he left
that a son would soon be born
It sounded just like thunder
when the Baron shot the break
But it grew thickly quiet
as He lined up the eight
Then a warm hand touched his shoulder
and it chilled him to the bone
When he turned and saw the woman
Who had loved him for so long
The game was never finished
The eight ball never fell
The Baron calmly picked it up
and put it on the shelf
Then he placed the ring
In the hands that held him long ago
and he tossed that fancy shooting stick
To his son Billy Joe
And he said

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