

## **Bill Anderson**

### **"Deck Of Cards"**

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When I first heard this song, I was a little boy growing up  
Down in the state of South Carolina  
The song had been written and recorded by a man  
named  
T. Texas Tyler

The song in it's original form related to something that  
Happened during the second World War  
Last year, early in 1991, when things were going kinda  
crazy  
Over on the other side of the world, I remembered this  
old song

And I rewrote the first part of it to fit the situation  
The second part of it I left like it's been all of these  
years  
Because you can't improve upon perfection  
I'd like to dedicate this tonight to all the Veterans

To their families, their loved ones  
And everybody that loves this country

It was a sweltering hot Sunday morning in the Saudi  
Arabian desert  
And a young soldier sat alone in his tent, deep in  
thought  
A picture of his wife and children back home in the  
United States  
Rested on a table nearby

His mind began to wander across the miles  
Back to other Sunday mornings that seemed so long  
ago  
Now and so far away, he thought of home  
And he knew that when this day dawned in America

His family would go to church to pray for his well-being  
And his safe return  
The young soldier reached into his bag and he took out  
A deck of playing cards

He began to spread them out across his bunk  
About that time, one of his buddies came by and said  
"You gonna get up a game?", "No," the soldier replied  
"I'm gonna spend a little quiet time with the Lord"

"Looks like to me you're playing cards," his friend said  
"No, you see, I don't have my Bible and since we can't  
Display our religion in public, here, I brought along this  
deck  
Of cards" and with that, the young boy started his story

You see when I look at the Ace, It reminded me  
That there is but one God and the Deuce reminds me  
that  
The Bible is divided into two parts  
The Old and the New Testaments

When I look at the Trey, I think of the Father, the Son  
And the Holy Ghost  
When I see the Four, I'm reminded of the four  
Evangelists  
Who preached the Gospel

There was Matthew, Mark, Luke and John  
And when I see the Five, I think of the five wise virgins  
Who trimmed their lamps, there were ten of them  
Five were wise and were saved, five were foolish and  
were shut out

And when I look at the Six, I'm reminded that in six  
days  
God made this great heaven and earth  
The Seven reminds me that on the seventh day  
God rested from His great work

When I see the Eight, I think of the eight righteous  
persons  
God saved when He destroyed this old world  
There was Noah, his wife, their three sons and their  
wives  
And when I look at the Nine, I think of the lepers  
Our Saviour cleansed

And nine out of the ten, didn't even thank Him  
And when I see the Ten, I think of the Ten  
Commandments  
God handed down to Moses on the table of stone  
When I look at the King

It reminds me that there is but one King of Heaven  
God Almighty

The Queen reminds me of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Queen of Heaven and the Jack or Knave is the Devil

When I count the number of spots on a deck of cards

I find 365, the number of days in a year  
There's 52 cards, the number of weeks in a year  
There's 4 suits, the number of weeks in a month  
There's 12 picture cards, the number of months in a  
year  
There's 13 tricks, the number of weeks in a quarter

So you see, my friend  
This deck of cards serves me as a Bible  
As an Almanac and as a Prayer Book

And friends, this story is true  
I know because I know that soldier

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