

Dickey Lee "Patches"

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Down by the river that flows by the coal yard's stand
Wooden houses with shutters torn down
There lives a girl everybody calls Patches
Patches my darling of old Shantytown

We planned to marry when June brought the summer
I couldn't wait to make Patches my bride
Now I don't see how that ever can happen
My folks say no and my heart breaks inside

Patches oh what can I do?
I swear, I'll always love you
But a girl from that place would just bring me disgrace
So my folks won't let me love you
Each night I cry as I think of that Shanty and pretty
patches
There watching the door
She doesn't know that I can't come to see her
Patches must think that I love her no more

I hear a neighbor telling my father
He says, a girl name of Patches was found floating
face down
In that dirty old river that flows by the coal yards
In old Shantytown

Patches oh what can I do?
I swear, I'll always love you
It may not be right but I'll join you tonight
Patches I'm coming to you

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