

Billy Joe Royal

"Black Rose"

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Way down in Virginia
Amongst the tall grown sugar canes
Lived a simple man and a dominiker hen
And a rose of a different name.

Well, the first time I felt lightning
I was standing in the drizzling rain
With a trembling hand and a bottle of gin
And a rose of a different name.

Well, the devil made me do it the first time
The second time I done it on my own
Lord, put a handle on a simple headed man
And help me leave that black rose alone.

--- Instrumental ---

When the devil made that woman
Lord, she threw the pattern away

She was built for speed with the tools you need
To make a new fool every day.

Way down deep and dirty
On the darker side of shame
I caught a cane cuttin' man with a bottle of gin
With a rose of a different name.

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The second time I done it on my own
Lord, put a handle on a simple headed man
Help me leave that black rose alone.

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