

## **Dr. Hook & The Medicine Show**

### **"When Lilly Was Queen"**

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(Ray Sawyer/Dennis Locorriere/Ron Haffkine)

Lilly Pearl standin' by the woodstove  
Cookin' up a pot of fatback and beans  
Aprons made outta Martha White flour sack  
Them was the days when Lilly was queen

There's gonna be a family reunion  
Down around Little River Park  
Lilly got a brand new baby they say  
Jesse Brown had to up and run away  
It might as well rain 'cause nobody came  
Jesse left so fast the baby got no name

Lilly Pearl, what'cha gonna name your baby?  
Lilly Pearl, what'cha gonna name your child?  
Lilly Pearl, they say he run away and left you crazy  
But ooh ooh your man had a pretty smile

Lilly Pearl told most folks  
She could raise her baby fine without a man  
But she cried at the table to her kin folk  
Her people cried with her, but did they understand?

Lilly Pearl still standin' by the woodstove  
Talkin' to a pot of fatback and beans  
Twenty years later, still cookin' a spread  
But there's no reunion 'cause the family's mostly dead  
They took her baby at the age of 13  
Left her livin' in the days when Lilly was queen

Lilly Pearl, did you ever name your baby?  
Lilly Pearl, do you ever miss your child?  
Lilly Pearl, his daddy run away and left you crazy  
But ooh ooh your man had a pretty smile

Lilly Pearl, you never gonna know your baby?  
Lilly Pearl, they never let you see your child?  
Lilly Pearl, they say he run away and left you crazy  
But ooh ooh your man had a pretty smile

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