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"What's Your Mama's Name?"

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Thirty some odd years ago a young man came to
Memphis
Askin' 'bout a rose that used to blossom in his world
People never took the time to mind the young man's
questions
Until one day they heard him ask a little green eyed
girl.

What's your mama's name, child, what's your mama's
name
Does she ever talk about a place called New Orleans
Has she ever mentioned a man named Buford Wilson
What's your mama's name, child, what's your mama's
name?

Twenty some odd years ago a drunkard down in
Memphis
Lost a month of life and labored to the county jail
Just because he asked a little green eyed girl a
question
And offered her a nickel's worth of candy if she'd tell.

A year and some odd days ago an old man died in
Memphis
Just another wayward soul the county had to claim
Inside the old man's ragged coat they found a faded
letter
That said you got a daughter and her eyes are Wilson
green.

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