

## George Jones

# "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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