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"I Saw My Mother's Name"

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Your daddy was a gambling man my mother said to me
He left me when you were a child but he was all this
world to me

I know your daddy loved me too from tattoo on his
arms

Was a heart of love that bore my name and was his
good luck charm

I didn't heed my mother's words to leave the cards
alone

I took to gambling just like dad and left my mother's
home

One night the gang was gathered round we dealt the
hand of draw

An old man sat across from me and this is what I saw
From out his sleeve he pulled the card and I pulled out
my gun

I shot him dead not knowing then what evil I had done
He fell across the table his hands reached out in vain

His sleeve slipped back and upon his arm I could see
so plain

I gazed down at his lifeless arm and I hung my head in
shame

For upon his arm was tattooed heart and I saw my
mother's name

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