Hank Williams Sr. "A Picture from Life's Other Side"

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(Frank B. Smith)

In the worlds mighty gallery of pictures Hang the scenes that are painted from life There's pictures of love and of passion And there's pictures of peace and of strife.

There hang pictures of youth and of beauty Of old age, and the blushing young bride They all hang on the wall But the saddest of all Are the pictures from lifes other side.

Just a picture from lifes other side Someone has fell by the way A life has gone out with the tide That might have been happy some day.

There's a poor old mother at home She's watching and waiting alone Just longin' to hear From a loved one so dear It's just a picture from lifes other side.

The first scene is that of a gambler
Who had lost all his money at play
And he draws his dead mothers ring from his finger
That she wore long ago on her wedding day.

It's his last earthly treasure, but he stakes it
And he bows his head that his shame that he might
hide
But when they lifted his head
They found he was dead
That's just a picture from lifes other side.

Now the last scene, is that by the river Of a heart broken mother and babe as the harbor lights shine and they shimmer On an outcast whom no-one will save. And yet she was once a true woman She was some bodys darlin' and pride God help her she leaps For there's no-one to weep It's just a picture from lifes other side...

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