

## Jim Reeves

### "Mother of a Honky Tonk Girl feat. Carol Johnson"

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Jim Reeves & Carol Johnson

(Sang - Carol)

I'm the mother of a honky tonk girl  
And I die when they speak my babies name  
I hope that God will forgive me  
For now I know that I'm to blame.

(Spoken - Jim)

Excuse me friend  
For intruding this way  
But there's something  
I've just got to say.

I remember this girl  
They're whispering about  
Just like it was yesterday  
When she was small.

They'd bring her in the tavern  
And set her on a stool  
And give her a drink of their beer and laugh.  
I thought, oh, you crazy fools.

But what could I do  
Or what could I say  
I'm just a bar tender  
And work here for my pay.

And I just cry  
When I hear a mother say.

(Sang - Carol)

I'm the mother of a honky tonk girl  
And I die when they speak my babies name  
I hope that God will forgive me  
For now I know that I'm to blame.

(Spoken - Jim)

You probably wonder why  
I chose to condemn the stuff I sell

But I've seen the hurt it's caused  
And the souls it's sent to hell.

Once they're on the wrong road  
With temptation let us turn around  
Like the girl they're all talking about  
The one they're running down.

Instead of giving her a drink of beer  
Where angels have never trod  
They should have given her a taste of love  
Yes, and a taste of God.

(Sang - Carol)  
I hope that God will forgive me  
I'm the mother of a honky tonk girl...

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