

Jim Reeves**"Mother of a Honky Tonk Girl"**

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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)

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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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