

## **Jim Reeves**

# **"The Letter Edged In Black"**

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I was standin' by my window yesterday morning  
Without a thought of sorrow or of care  
When I saw the postman comin' up the pathway  
With such a smiling face and jolly air.

He rang the bell and whistled as he waited  
Then he said; "Good morning to you, Jack"  
But he little knew the sorrow that he brought me  
When he handed me a letter edged in black.

With trembling hands I took the letter from him  
I open it and sifted what it said:  
"Come home my boy, your dear old daddy wants you  
Come home my boy, your dear old mother's dead."

--- Instrumental ---

"The last words your mother ever uttered  
Tell my boy I want him to come back  
My eyes are blurred, my poor old heart is breaking  
As, I write to you this letter edged in black."

"Those angry words I wish I'd never spoken  
You know I didn't mean them, don't you, Jack  
May the angels bear me witness, I am asking  
Your forgiveness in this letter edged in black."

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