

## Johnny Cash

# "My Mother Was A Lady"

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Two drummers they were seated in a grand hotel one day  
While dining they were chatting in a sort of joking way  
There came a pretty waitress to bring a tray of food  
They spoke to her familiarly in a manner sort of rude

At first she did not notice nor make the least reply  
When somethin' that was said to her brought teardrops  
to her eyes  
She turned on her tormentors, her cheeks were flamin'  
red  
Approaching as a picture these are the words she said

My Mother was a lady and yours, I would allow  
You may have a sister who needs protection now  
I've come to this great city to find my brother dear  
You would not dare insult me, sir, if brother Jack were  
here

The two sat there in silence, their heads hung low in  
shame  
Forgive us, miss, we meant no harm, pray tell us what  
is your name  
She told him and he cried aloud I know your brother too  
We've been friends for many, many years and he  
ofttimes speaks of you

Come go with me when I go back and if you'll only wed  
I'll take you to him as my bride, I've loved you since you  
said  
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