

Joni Mitchell

"Raised On Robbery"

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He was sittin' in the lounge of the Empire Hotel
He was drinkin' for diversion
He was thinkin' for himself
Little money riding on the maple leafs
Along comes a lady in lacy sleeves
She says

Let me sit down
You know, drinkin' alone's a shame
It's a shame, it's a cryin' shame
Look at those jokers
Glued to that damn hockey game
Hey honey, you've got lots of cash
Bring us round a bottle
And we'll have some laughs
Gin's what I'm drinkin'
I was raised on robbery

I'm a pretty good cook
Sittin' on my groceries
Come up to my kitchen
I'll show you my best recipe
I try and I try but I can't save a cent
I'm up after midnight, cookin'
Tryin' to make my rent
I'm rough but I'm pleasin'
I was raised on robbery

We had a little money once
They were pushin' through a four lane highway
Government gave us three thousand dollars
You should have seen it fly away
First he bought a fifty seven Biscayne
He put it in the ditch
He drunk up all the rest
That son of a bitch
His blood's bad whiskey
I was raised on robbery

You know you ain't bad lookin'
I like the way you hold your drinks
Come home with me honey

I ain't askin' for no full length mink
Hey, where you goin'?
Don't go yet
Your glass ain't empty and we just met
You're mean when your loaded
I was raised on robbery

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