

## Kate Wolf

### "The Ballad Of Weaverville"

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The Ballad of Weaverville  
performed by Kate Wolf  
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#### First Verse

Well, I'll tell you 'bout a gambler, folks,  
Jim Weaver was his name;  
And I don't know where he came from,  
But gamblin' was his trade.  
Ride in here close beside me,  
I'll tell you about a game,  
The damnedest game in all my years  
I ever did see played.

#### Second Verse

Some said they'd seen him play before  
Down on the Barb'ry Coast.  
He said that might be true enough  
'Cause he'd gambled all around;  
And he lost his stake to a jack high straight  
Out at Sutter's Fort,  
But he'd saved a little poke in case  
Of a game within our town.

#### Refrain

And a lady loves a gambler,  
Running loose, running free;  
I felt a tremble deep inside  
When I turned around to see,  
He was lookin' hard at me.

#### Third Verse

Now the game was set in daddy's tent,  
An honest man, you know,  
And all the boys in town were set  
To take Jim Weaver's gold  
'Cause diggin' gold is hard work,  
And pannin' is too slow;  
And I saw Jim Weaver smilin'  
At some little private joke.

#### Fourth Verse

Well, by midnight he had all the gold  
That the boys in town had saved.  
They never caught him cheatin'  
Though they watched him all the while;  
And he never lost a single hand  
At any game he played;  
He never lost a dollar, boys,  
And he never lost his smile.

Refrain

And a lady loves a gambler,  
Smilin' free, smilin' wide;  
I knew I wouldn't rest  
'Til I was smilin' by his side,  
Smilin' as we'd ride.

Fifth Verse

Soon all the boys were busted flat,  
But they wanted still to play.  
So they asked Jim Weaver what was left  
To gamble in the game.  
He said he'd cut high cards one time,  
And if he lost he'd pay;  
But if he won they had to swear  
To give the town his name.

Sixth Verse

And he told my daddy he would bet  
Ten dollars on the side,  
And I could be my daddy's stake  
If I would so agree.  
And I rode out of Weaverville  
Next mornin' as his bride;  
And I left the town that bears the name  
Of the gamblin' man and me.

Refrain

And a lady loves a gambler,  
If he cheats all the same;  
And no one saw me slip to him  
Tha ace that won the game!  
And gave the town our name!

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