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"The Silvertongued Devil & I"

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I took myself down to the Tally Ho tavern
To buy me a bottle of beer
And I sat me down by a tender young maiden
Who's eyes were as soft as her hair

And as I was searching from bottle to bottle
For something un-foolish to say
That silver-tongued devil just slipped from the
shadows
And smilingly stole her away

I said, "Hey, little girl, don't you know he's the devil?
He's everything that I ain't"
Hiding intentions of evil under the smile of a saint
All he's good for is getting in trouble and shiftin' his
share of the blame
And some people swear he's my double and some
even say we're the same

But the silver-tongued devil's got nothing to lose
I'll only live till I die
We take our own chances and pay our own dues
The silver-tongued devil and I

Like all the fair maidens who've laid down beside him
She knew in her heart that he'd lied
Nothin' that I could have said could have saved her
No matter how hard that she tried

'Cause she'll offer her soul to the darkness and danger
Of somethin' that she's never known
And open her arms at the smile of a stranger
Who'll love her and leave her alone

And she knows he's the devil
He's everything that I ain't
Hiding intentions of evil intentions under the smile of a
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