

# Tanya Tucker

## "What's Your Momma's Name, Child"

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What's your mama's name, child?  
What's your mama's name?

Thirty some odd years ago  
A young man came to Memphis  
Askin' 'bout a rose  
That used to blossom in his world

People never took the time  
To mind the young man's questions  
Till one day they heard  
Him ask a little green eyed girl

What's your mama's name, child?  
What's your mama's name?  
Does she ever talk about  
A place called New Orleans

Has she ever mentioned  
A man named Buford Wilson  
What's your mama's name, child?  
What's your mama's name?

Twenty some odd years ago  
A drunkard down in Memphis  
Lost a month of life  
And labored to the country jail

Just because he asked  
A little green eyed girl a question  
And offered her  
A nickel's worth of candy if she'd tell

A year and some odd days ago  
An old man died in Memphis  
Just another wayward soul  
The county had to claim

Inside the old man's ragged coat  
They found a faded letter  
That said you have a daughter  
And her eyes are Wilson green

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