

Merle Haggard

"Kentucky Gambler"

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I wanted more from life, than four kids and a wife
And a job in a dark Kentucky mine.
A twenty acre farm, with a shacky house and barn
Thats all I had and all I left behind

But at gambling, I was lucky, and so I left Kentucky
And left behind my woman and my kids
Into the gay casinos, of Nevada's town of Reno
This Kentucky Gambler planned to get rich quick

Kentucky gambler who's going to love your woman in
Kentucky
Yeah - and who's going to be the one to give her all she
needs
Kentucky gambler, who's going to raise your children in
Kentucky
And who's going to keep them fed and keep them
shoes on their feet

There at the gambler's Paradise, Lady luck was on my
side
and this Kentucky gambler played just right
Yeah I won at everything I played - I really thought I had
it made
But I should have quit and gone on home that night

But when you love the green backed dollar, sorrow
always bound to follow
and Reno's dreams fade into neon amber
And Lady Luck, she'll lead you on
She'll stay a while, and then she's gone
You better go on home, Kentucky gambler

But a gambler never seems to stop, till he loses all he's
got
and with a money - hungry fever, I played on
I played till I'd lost all I'd won, I was right back where I'd
started from
Then I started wanting - to go home

Kentucky gambler, there ain't nobody, waiting in
Kentucky

When I ran out, somebody else walked in
Kentucky gambler, looks like you ain't really very lucky
And it seems to me a gambler loses much more than
he wins
much more than he wins.

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