

Smokin' Armadillos

"Miracle Man"

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The Miracle Man came to Lousian'
Selling potions from a jar
Claimed he could cure anything
From a fever to a scar

And all the town folk
Gathered round to see
As he cast his spell of wonder
Over everyone but me

See, the Miracle Man was a Dapper Dan
Full of eloquence and grace
And I could tell his charm was working
By that look on mama's face

She was buying more
Than meets the eye
Because she left me and my daddy
Without even a goodbye

And Daddy Cried
For forty days and forty nights
And so did I
From the emptiness inside

No I wasn't old enough
To understand
Whatever happened to my mama
And that Miracle Man

Well the years went by
And One day I went riding into town
I came upon commotion
There were people gathered 'round

And out in front of Emma Barker's place
Stood the man
Who stole my mama
And my daddy face to face

Daddy stepped up to him

And drew his .45
And with both hands on that trigger
Stuck right between his eyes

And just when I thought
He'd sent him to the grave
Suddenly with out a word
He just turned and walked away

And how I tried
As we were riding home that night
To figure why
My Dad would put away his pride

When he knew he had
The power in his hands
To put a round of Justice
In that Miracle Man

Later on that night
He came and sat upon my bed
He said there are some reasons why
That demon isn't dead

The good book says
You'll reap the seeds you sow
And if you turn the other cheek
You'll find the way the righteous go

If I would have shot him
They'd have put me in a cage
And I would be around here now
To watch you come of age

And an orphaned life
Can turn a boy to stone
Son I love you far too much
To watch face this world alone

In my mind
At that moment in my life
I came to find
Everything he said was right

For the first time
I could truly understand
Why My daddy spared the life
Of that Miracle Man

Yes, and now I'm old enough
To understand

It was my daddy all along
Who was the Miracle Man

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