

## **Nick Cave & The Bad Seed**

### **"Up Jumped The Devil"**

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Oh my, oh my  
What a wretched life  
I was born on the day  
That my poor mother died

I was cut from her belly  
With a Stanley knife  
My daddy did a jig  
With the drunk midwife

Who's that yonder all in flames  
Draggin' behind him a sack of chains  
Who's that yonder all in flames  
Up jumped the devil and he staked his claim

Oh poor heart  
I was doomed from the start  
Doomed to play  
The villain's part

I was the baddest Johnny  
In the apple cart  
My blood was blacker  
Than the cheapest of a dead nun's heart

Who's that millin' on the courthouse steps  
Nailin' my face to the hitchin' fence  
Who's that millin' on the courthouse steps  
Up jumped the devil and off we crept

Oh no, oh no  
Where could I go  
With my hump of trouble  
And my sack of woe

To the digs  
And the deserts of Mexico  
Where my neck was safe  
From the lynchin' rope

Who's that yonder laughin' at me  
Like I was the brunt of some hilarity

Who's that yonder laughin' at me?  
Well up jumped the devil 1, 2, 3

Ha ha ha ha ha  
How lucky we were  
We hit the cat house  
And sampled their whares

We got as drunk  
As a couple of Czars  
One night I spat out  
My lucky stars

Who's that dancin' on the jail house roof?  
Stampin' on the rampin' with a cloven hoof  
Who's that dancin' on the jail house roof?  
Up jumped the devil and said  
"Here is your man and I got a proof"

Oh no, oh no, don't go  
Oh slow down Joe  
The righteous part  
I straight as an arrow

Take a walk  
And you'll find it too narrow  
Too narrow  
For the likes of me

Who's that hangin' from the gallow tree  
His eyes are hollow but he looks like me  
Now who's that swingin' from the gallow tree  
Up jumped the devil and took my soul from me

Down we go, down we go, down we go  
Down we go, down we go, down we go  
Down we go, down we go, down we go

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