

Tanya T6

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

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(Frazier Dallas/Earl Montgomery)

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

Thirty some odd years ago, a young man came to Memphis.

Asking 'bout a rose that used to blossom in his world. People never too the time to mind the young man's questions,

Until 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 off years ago, a drunkard down in Memphis,

Lost a month of life in labour to the county 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'd had to pay. Inside the old man's ragged coat, they found a faded letter.

It said: "You have a daughter and her eyes are Wilson green."

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