The Original Carter Family "Blackie's Gunman"

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I was known as Blackie's gunman The best two gunman in the land I could shoot the ace of diamonds With a draw from either hand

With the dice I had no equal Some of them are with us now Most of them are sadly sleeping 'Neath the weeping willow bough

Many a cowboy's game I've played in Left that night with all their gold As a sport I was broken As a sport I let it go

I once loved a girl named Nellie How we loved no tongue can tell But I know, I'll never meet her Oh, it was hard to say farewell

Her eyes were like the deep blue water And her hair was golden curls And her cheeks were crimson velvet And her teeth were snow white pearls

Together we lived in a cottage And our life, it was a dream And the angels they watched o'er us Made our life one happy dream

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