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Al Stewart "Willie the King"

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Old man Bodey sits on his own by the side of the bar Drinking slowly, resting the boots that he's carried so far

Once was a gambler, 5-card poker rambler, That the wise men knew as a slippery deal And the kids called Willie the King

Sea behind me, fog's coming up on the river tonight, Just reminds me of smoke curling up in the yellowy light

There's money on the table, took what I was able And spent my nights with a riverboat queen And she called me Willie the King

Well I don't mind saying
I've done my share of paying
I've been so broken
Sometimes it seemed that I'd never get back
Watching their faces I was turning over aces
Though they knew my name when the money was
gone,

They called me Willie the King

Well I don't mind staying up all night just waiting Choosing a moment to play that card that could never be beat

Old man Bodey, he's still growing roots by the side of the bar

Drinking slowly, resting his gaze on the cinnamon jar He once was a gambler, five-card poker rambler, That the wise men knew as a slippery deal And the kids called Willie the King

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