

## Red Sovine

### "The deck Of Cards"

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It was during the Vet Nam conflict, a bunch of soldiers  
had  
been on a long hike and they arrived in a town called  
Sigon.

And the next day being Sunday, several of the boys  
went to Church.  
After the Chaplain had read the prayer, the text was  
taken up.

Those of the boys who had a prayer books took them  
out,  
But one boy had only a deck of cards, and so he  
spread them out.

The Sergeant saw the cards and said, "Soldier, put  
away those  
cards."

After the services was over, the soldier was taken  
prisoner and brought before the Provost Marshall.

The Marshall said, "Sergeant, why have you brought  
this man  
here?" "

For playing cards in church, Sir." "And what have you to  
say for  
yourself, son?"  
"Much, Sir," the soldier replied.

The Marshall said, "I hope so, for if not I shall punish  
you severely."  
You see Sir, I have been on the march for about six  
days.  
I have neither a Bible nor a prayer book, but I hope to  
satisfy  
you, Sir, with the purity of my intentions.

You see Sir, when I look at the ACE, I'm reminded me  
that there is but one God;

And the DEUCE reminds me that the Bible is divided  
into two parts;  
The Old and the New Testaments;

When I see the TREY, I think of the Father, the Son, and  
the  
Holy Ghost;

When I see the FOUR, I'm reminded of the four  
Evangelists, who preached the Gospel.  
There was Matthew, Mark, Luke and John;

And when I see the FIVE, I think of the five wise virgins  
who trimmed their lamps.  
There were ten of them, five were wise and were  
saved. Five  
were foolish and were shut out;

And when I see the SIX, I'm reminded that in six days,  
God made this great heaven and earth;

The SEVEN reminds me that on the seventh day, God  
rested

When I see the EIGHT, I think of the eight righteous  
persons God saved when He destroyed this old world.  
There was Noah, his wife, their three sons and their  
wives;

And when I look at the NINE, I think of the lepers our  
Saviour cleansed.  
And nine out of the ten, didn't even thank Him.

When I look at the KING, it reminds me that there is but  
one King of Heaven, God Almighty;

The QUEEN reminds me of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Queen of Heaven;

And the JACK, or KNAVE is the Devil;

When I count the number of spots on a deck of cards,

I find 365 - the number of days in a year;  
There;s 52 cards - the number of weeks in a year;  
There's 4 suits - the number of weeks in a month;  
There's 12 picture cards - the number of months in a  
year;  
There's 13 tricks - the number of weeks in a quarter;

So you see, my friend, this deck of cards serves me as  
a Bible,  
As an Almanac and as a Prayer Book."

"And friends, this story is true, because my son was  
that soldier."

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