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"Jesse With The Long Hair"

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Jesse took a powder, slicked his long hair back
Put a cartridge in his gun and stepped outside his
shack
Saddled up his buckskin mare and rode off into town
Jesse with the long hair hanging down

LuAnne fixed her make-up, straightened out her dress
Picked up a photograph and held it to her breast
How could she ever love him, he never was around
Jesse with the long hair hanging down

(Chorus)
Flesh and blood, it turns to dust
scatters in the wind
love is all that matters in the end

Sherriff Paul was fast asleep, his hat off in his lap
When he got a package that woke him from his nap
He unrolled the poster, couldn't help but frown
It was Jesse with the long hair hanging down

They had been compadres many years before
Jesse saved his life one time, back before the war
Now he was the king of thieves he wore it like a crown
Jesse with the long hair hanging down

(Chorus)

Mr. Brown the banker hid the money in his case
It was time for him to leave, this god forsaken place
His true love loved the outlaw, who hated Mr. Brown
The was Jesse with the long hair hanging down

Mr. Brown had taken the land that Jesse owned
The banker claimed that Jesse had not repaid his loan
Truth and lies entangled, but when the turht unwound
It was Jesse with the long hair hanging down

Mr. Brown was all alone when LuAnne came walking in
She pulled a pistol from her purse and pointed it at him
When the door blew open, she turned to look around

It was Jesse with the long hair hanging down

Mr. Brown got LuAnne's gun and helpd it to her head
"I'll blow her to kingdom come" is what the banker said
In that fateful moment, Jesse stood his ground
Jesse with the long hair hanging down

(Chorus)

The bullet that killed Mr. Brown came through the
window payne
Put a hole above one eye and lodged down in his brain
Never saw no puff of smoke, no flash, no fire, no
sound
From Jesse with the long hair hanging down

Sherriff Paul was fast asleep, his hat down on his eyes
When he got a letter, and much to his suprise
A picture of sweet LuAnne in her wedding gown
And Jesse with the long hair hanging down

Flesh and blood, it turns to dust
Scatters in the wind
Love is all that matters in the end, my friend

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