

## Roy Acuff

# "Don't Make Me Go To Bed And I'll Be Good"

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A laughing baby boy one evening in his play  
Disturbed the household with his noisy glee  
I warned him to be quiet but he soon would disobey  
For he would soon forget a word from me

I called him to my side and said now son you go to bed  
Your conduct has been very very rude  
With quivering lips and tear filled eyes he pleaded then  
with me  
Don't make me go to bed and I'll be good

Don't papa and I'll be good don't papa and I'll be good  
That's what I heard him say and it haunts me night and  
day  
Don't make me go to bed and I'll be good

Our lives have just been gladdened by his bright  
ascending beam  
Our boy now in our heart was very dear  
We hastened to his bed one night he was talking in his  
sleep  
He didn't seem to know that we were near

I took him in my arms and found his body raked with  
pain  
To ease the pain we did the best we could  
It broke my heart to hear him crying loudly in his sleep  
Don't make me go to bed and I'll be good

All night and day we watched and prayed we never left  
his side  
To give him up it seemed we never could  
It broke my heart to hear him crying just before he died  
Don't make me go to bed and I'll be good

Don't papa and I'll be good [unverified]

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