

Berlin Irving

"I'm A Bad, Bad Man"

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[FRANK:]

I'm honored, I'm flattered, this greeting really
mattered
This welcome is grand but I'm really concerned
I like your attention, but this I have to mention
You're playing with fire and you're apt to get burned

There's a girl in Tennessee
Who's sorry she met up with me
Can't go back to Tennessee
I'm a bad, bad man

There's a girl in Omaha
But I ran faster than her pa
Can't go back to Omaha
I'm a bad, bad man

There's a girl in Wyoming and they're combing
Wyoming
To find the man in white who was out with her that night

There's a girl in Arkansas
The sheriff is her brother-in-law
Can't go back to Arkansas
I'm a bad, bad man

[GIRLS:]

You're making too much fuss
For we don't give a tinker's cuss
We've been out, yes, each of us
With a bad, bad man

We've been chasing up and down
That other show has just left town
And the one who played the clown
Was a bad, bad man

You may love us and leave us, but the parting won't
grieve us
We'll turn the other cheek when the minstrels come
next week

When the show folks come to call
A girl may slip but she won't fall
We'll give some but won't give all
To a bad, bad man

[FRANK:]

For years I have yearned to play towns I could return to
And "this may be it" from the way that you speak
I'm glad you're not frightened, the atmosphere has
brightened
And now let's make plans for a wonderful week

Monday when my show is done
I'll teach you how to shoot a gun
You may find it lots of fun
With a bad, bad man

Tuesday there's no matinee
But I'll be in my tent all day
You can come around and play
With a bad, bad man

Send your mothers on Wednesday because
Wednesday's old hens' day
But Thursday is sublime, I'll have lots of open time

Friday night will be the test
If Saturday you're still my guest Sunday you can come
and rest With a bad, bad man

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