

Steve Earle "Gold"

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When the wicked king of clubs awoke
It was to his queen turned
His lips were laughing as they spoke
His eyes like bullets burned

The sun's upon a gambling day
Queen smiled low and blissfully
Let's make some wretched fool to pay
And plain it was she did agree

So he send his deuce down into diamond
His four to heart and his trey to spade
Three kings with their legions come
And preparations soon where made

They voted club the days commander
Gave him an army face and number
All of the outlaw, jack of diamonds
And the aces in the sky

Well, he give his sevens first instructions
Spirit me a game of stud
Stakes unscarred by limitation
'Tween a man named Gold, man named Mud

Club filled Gold with greedy vapors
'Til his long green eyes did glow
And Mud was left with the sighs and trembles
Watching his hard earned money go

Flushes fell on Gold like water
Tens they paired and paired again
But the aces only flew through heaven
And the diamond jack called no man friend

The diamond queen saw Mud's ordeal
And began to think of her long lost son
Fell to her knees with a mother's mercy
And prayed to the angels every one

So the diamond queen she prayed and prayed
The diamond angel filled Mud's hole

The wicked king of clubs himself
Fell in face down in front of Gold

Now three kings come to clubs command
But the angels from the sky did ride
Three kings up on the streets of Gold
Three fireballs on the muddy side

The club queen heard her husband's call
But Lord that queen of diamond's joy
When the outlaw in the heavenly hall
Turned out to be a wandering boy

Now Mud checked and Gold bet all
And Mud raised and Gold did call
And the smile just melted off his face
When Mud turned over that diamond ace

This is what this story's taught
If you feel like Mud you'll end up Gold
If you feel like lost you'll end up found
So amigo lay them raises down

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