

## Tennessee Ernie Ford "The Rovin' Gambler"

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I am a rovin' gambler  
I've gambled all around  
Wherever I meet with a deck of cards  
I lay my money down

I've gambled down in Washington  
I've gambled over in Spain  
I'm on my way to Georgia  
To knock down my last game  
Knock down my last game  
Knock down my last game

I had not been in Washington  
Many more weeks than three  
'Til I fell I love with a pretty little girl  
She fell in love with me

She took me in her parlor  
She cooled me with her fan  
She whispered low in her mother's ear  
I love this gamblin' man  
Love this gamblin' man  
Love this gamblin' man

Oh daughter, oh dear daughter  
How could you treat me so  
To leave your dear old mother  
And with the gambler go

Oh mother, dear mother  
You know I love you well  
But the love I hold for the gamblin' man  
No human tongue can tell  
No human tongue can tell  
No human tongue can tell

I wouldn't marry a railroad man  
This is the reason why  
I never seen a railroad man  
That wouldn't tell his wife a lie

Oh mother, oh dear mother

I'll tell you if I can  
I'll be with the gamblin' man

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I lay my money down  
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