

## **Tom Paxton**

### **"Katy"**

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Oh, I have a little daughter and my daughter's name is  
Kate  
And she's every bit mischievous as a kitten on a skate  
With a bandage on her forehead and the bruises on  
her knees  
You would swear she'd fought with buccaneers upon  
the seven seas

For it's up the stairs and down the stairs and in the  
room and out  
Like a miniature tornado, she can blow the house about  
Take an angel with the devil in the twinkling of her eye  
And that's my Katy, little lady, and I love her

Oh, you might believe in miracles, you might believe in  
saints  
But you'd never believe my Katy when she's playing  
with her paints  
For there's red upon the window and there's green  
upon her face  
In her hair, and in her eyes but on the paper, not a  
trace

When she's in her room and quiet, and there comes a  
bit of calm  
You develop the sensation that you're sitting on a bomb  
Take an angel with the devil in the twinkling of her eye  
And that's my Katy, little lady, and I love her

My Katy loves her games, you know, a thirty times a  
week  
I find myself dragooned into a game of hide and seek  
So, I find myself in closets, under beds I quietly creep  
And I wait for thirty minutes till my brain has gone to  
sleep

Yes, I sit there in the closet and it seems like half a day  
Till I find a friend has come to call and Kate's gone out  
to play  
Take an angel with the devil in the twinkling of her eye  
That's my Katy, little lady, and I love her

And you might have heard of daddies who would dote  
upon their girls  
Who get wrapped around their fingers by the tossing of  
the curls  
Who respond to hugs and kisses till there's nothing  
they wouldn't do  
Don't you ever believe a word if it, it simply isn't true

For I'd only jump the moon for her, I'd only jump the  
sea  
For the hugs I get to give her and the kisses she gives  
to me  
Take an angel with the devil in the twinkling of her eye  
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