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"Royal Annie"

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She wore a big yellow bow in her hair
One morning we woke up she was there
We were a little old out of way town
And all us kids were glad to have her around

You know her castle was an old mobile home
She didn't even have a cellular phone
She lived on cigarettes and cookies and tea
And said, she once had a show on TV

And all us kids around town called her Royal Annie
She talked to babies who had never been born
Said she had dresses that she never had worn

She had sweethearts who came out of the air
And said, she had a lock of Elvis' hair
She pushed an old shopping cart around town
She wore sneakers and an old satin gown

She wore diamonds and we knew they were fake
Said she once gave Dolly Parton a break
And all us kids around town called her Royal Annie

She'd sit and stare at the bright morning sun
We were suspicious that she carried a gun
They once considered puttin' Annie in jail
She never ever went to pick up her mail

Then one day there was a big limousine
Came to town and caused a terrible scene
A bunch of doctors and lawyers they say
And they came to take Annie away

And all us kids around town called her Royal Annie
When Royal Annie was gone, I recall
They had a meeting at a community hall

They wrote a letter and were tryin' to say
They hoped that Annie had enjoyed her stay
Well they'd been looking for her over a year
They were surprised to find her living out here

And Royal Annie sent a small note of thanks
And she had 10 million bucks in the bank
And all us kids around town called her Royal Annie
All us kids around town called her Royal Annie

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