

Hospital Lady

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The braid is held in with a bobby pin
She's a woman, she wears a pink hat
The rouge on the face
The bobble, the lace
Once a young girl
Please don't forget that

The pretty red top
Just about stopped
It wobbled it don't spin anymore

Reach for the sky
Against gravity try
Stay away from the cold wooden floor.

There was a time not so long ago

She was dancing with her favorite beau
Who died in 1953.

Consider her chart
There is dust on the heart
A thorn bush grows inside the spleen

Clouds on the eyes hide Al Jolson blue skies
The lungs have turned bright kelly green

Old lady blues wears old lady shoes
Her new lover is old daddy death