

## What's Your Mama's Name, Child

**Bobby Bare**

Forty some odd years ago a young man came to Memphis  
Askin' about a rose that used to blossom in his world  
People never took the time to mind the young man's questions  
Till one day they heard him ask a little green eyed girl.

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Does she ever talk about a place called New Orleans  
Has she ever mentioned a man named Buford Wilson  
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Twenty some odd years ago a drunkard down in Memphis  
Lost a month of life and labored to the country jail  
Just because he asked a little green eyed girl a question  
And offered her a nickel's worth of candy if she'd tell.

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A year and some odd days ago an old man died in Memphis  
Just another wayward soul the county had to claim  
Inside the old man's ragged coat they found a faded letter  
That said you've got a daughter and her eyes are Wilson green.

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