

## Rodeo Rose

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They say that a man just doesn't grow up  
'Till he's forty odd years old  
Such was the case of young Kelly James  
And everybody knows  
He had a place on the back stretch  
Out near the race track  
Made money on the horses he broke  
Had him a girl that he loved dearly  
Name of Rodeo Rose  
Young Kelly James and Rodeo Rose  
They lived heart to heart  
And up and down the streets of our town  
You would never see them apart  
'Till one day Rodeo Rose up and left him  
And she never came back again  
To this very day when you ask Kelly James  
He says he doesn't understand  
'Cause she wanted him crazy  
But not that crazy  
Wild, but not that wild  
And they were going to settle down and get married some day  
And maybe have themselves a child  
Breaking horses and dealing in cattle  
And living way over the edge  
With the possibility he might always stay free  
And she couldn't take the chance  
Young Kelly James stayed in that place  
And everything worked out alright  
'Cept he'd go out drinking and shooting up the town  
On some odd Saturday night  
And they'd throw him in jail  
And I'd go down and get him  
And I'd put him back out on the street  
And he'd stay straight, and he'd be okay  
For another couple of weeks  
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Rodeo Rose, now, she lives in the suburbs  
In a house with a two car garage  
She's got a steady husband  
And a couple of children  
And nothing hardly ever goes wrong  
'Cept Rodeo Rose, she drinks too much, too  
And when she does, she gets wild  
She gets crying about horses, and underfed cattle  
And always a month behind  
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