My daddy was a handsome gambler he had a chain five miles long On every link a heart gets dangled of another maid he loved and wronged

He told to you some loving story

He'd make you think he'd leave them true

But love grows cold as love grows older and fades away like mor ning dew

I'd rather be in some dark hollow where the sun refused to shin e

Than to live here in Missouri with your memory always on my min d

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