

# Smoke! Smoke! Smoke! That Cigarette

Hank Thompson

Now I'm a fellow with a heart of gold  
And the ways of a gentleman I've been told  
Kind-of-a-guy that wouldn't even harm a flea  
But if me and a certain character met  
The guy that invented that cigarette  
I'd murder that son-of-a gun in the first degree  
It ain't cuz I don't smoke 'em myself and I don't reckon that it'll h  
inder your health I smoked 'em all my life and I ain't dead yet  
But nicotine slaves are all the same at a pettin' party or a poker ga  
me  
Everything gotta stop while they have a cigarette

Smoke, smoke, smoke that cigarette  
Puff, puff, puff until you smoke yourse  
If to death.  
Tell St. Peter at the Golden Gate  
That you hate to make him wait,  
But you just gotta have another cigarette.

In a game of chance the other night  
Old dame fortune was good and right  
The kings and queens they kept on comin' around  
Aw, I was hittin' em good and bettin' 'em high  
But my bluff didn't work on a certain guy  
He kept callin' and layin' his money down  
See, he'd raise me then I'd raise him and I'd say to him buddy ya got  
ta sink or swim  
Finally called me but didn't raise the bet! --Hmmp!  
I said Aces Full Pal -- I got you!  
He said, "I'll pay up in a minute or two  
But right now, I just gotta have another cigarette."

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Now the other night I had a date with the cutest little gal in the fo  
rty-eight states  
A high-bred, uptown, fancy little dame  
She said she loved me and it seemd to me  
That things were sorta like they oughtta be  
So hand in hand we strolled down lovers lane  
She was a long way from a chunk of ice  
And our pettin' party was goin' real nice  
And I got an idea I might have been there yet  
So I give her a kiss and a little squeeze  
Then she said,  
Excuse me  
Please

But I just gotta have a cigarette."