

And I Did Ma

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My mother, she told me to stay away from boys
And I did Ma, and I did Ma
"You can enjoy yourself home with your toys"
And I did Ma, and I did
Ah, but I was lonely
Never had a boyfriend
I was lonely, oh so lonely
And then I found out
toys were different from men
There's a difference, yes there is... Ma
I married young to a man of the plains
I was happy, oh so happy
But as the time passed he brought me only pain
I remembered what my mother had said
"Take out our old deck
of fine playing cards
Choose the best of the lady
Take in your hand
the Queen of the Hearts
and listen to what she will say"
I left my husband and made it back home
I was happy, oh so happy
I have all my toys so I don't feel alone
I'm a good kid, yes I am... Ma
And every night when I say my prayers
I remember what was said by the cards
I followed her warning
and I thank her for being
my mother, the queen of my heart