

## 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