

## Strip Polka

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This is the strip polka  
I adore this?

There's a burlesque theater where the gang loves to go  
To see queenie the cutie of the burlesque show  
And the thrill of the evening is when out queenie skips  
And the band plays the polka while she strips

"Take it off, take it off", cries a voice from the rear  
"Take it off, take it off", soon it's all you can hear  
But she's always a lady even in pantomime  
So she stops and always just in time

She's as fresh and as wholesome as the flowers in May  
And she hopes to retire to the farm someday  
But you can't buy a farm until you're up in the chips  
So the band plays the polka while she strips

"Take it off, take it off", all the customers shout  
"Down in front, down in front", while the band beats it out  
But she's always a lady even in pantomime  
So she stops and always just in time

Queenie, queen of them all  
Queenie, someday you'll fall  
Someday church bells will chime  
In strip polka time

Oh, she hates corny waltzes and she hates the gavotte  
And there's one big advantage if the music's hot  
It's a fast moving exit just in case something rips  
So the band plays the polka while she strips

Drop around, take it in, it's the best in the west  
"Take it off, take it off, take it off", you can yell like the  
rest  
Take her out when it's over, she's a peach when she's dressed  
But she stops and always just in time, time, time

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