

Jesse Younger

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Little Jesse Younger was a well respected lad
Doing all he could to please his mommy and his dad
But he never planned to be the man
They said that he'd become
And somehow or another Jesse's little baby brother
Is his father's and his mother's only son

Ev'ry day the neighbors say that it's a dirty shame
The way he spat upon his family and scandalized their name
And his parents never really ever said he'd been disowned
But somehow or another now his little baby brother
Is his father's and his mother's only son

Oh, Jesse Younger you're a devil not a man
Can you dare to treat your parents so unkind?
You have selfishly refused to live your life the way they planned
And you've started going your own way and speaking your own mind.

Jesse Younger's parents wonder where it all went wrong
Now that Jesse's name has turned to ashes on their tongues
But he chose to starve and try to carve a future of his own
And he got his druthers because now his younger brother
Is his father's and his mother's only son.

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