

Her First Mistake

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Once upon a time ago
Way up in the land of sleet and snow
How this fairy tale would go
I could not have known

I had searched around this world so mean
From Livingstone to Palestine
Trying to pursue my dream
Of love

It was then I met this girl so fine
She made me think so fast I left my thought behind
And I tried to pass for a sophisticated
Northern man

I said why yes my dear I know exactly what you mean
Because there's not so much I haven't done or seen
And may I say your eyes are the loveliest
Shade of jade

I said come on baby
Come on baby
Come on baby

It was then I knew I had made my first mistake
She did not even start to wait
And as she turned around to walk away
This is what she had to say

She told me man I come from way down South
I've got a picket fence with a picket house
And I don't need no fast talking Northern man
Like you around

I said well come on baby
Come on baby
Come on baby

Honey I don't know what you just heard
But Alabama is my favorite word
And Birmingham
Is a long way from here

I could see the light began to shine
She turned back around her eyes met mine
And suddenly the whole world became
A better place

Even if it was only for an instant
Because it was then I knew I had made my
Second mistake

She told me man that was a real good try
But Alabama's not where I reside
I come from where the river is wide
And the crawfish hide

I said well come on baby
Come on baby
Come on baby

Honey I don't know what you just heard
But Louisiana is my favorite word
And New Orleans
Is a long way from here

She just looked at me and shook her head
Your lines are pretty sad she said
You are a lonely, weak, pathetic man
If this is doing the best you can

It was then I knew I had made my third mistake
Yes three strikes right across the plate
And as I hollered honey please wait
She was gone

I said well come on baby
Come on baby
Come on baby

Honey I don't know what you just heard
Bartender set 'em up are my favorite words
Because the love I need
Is a long way from here

Oh the love I need
Is a long way from here

Yes well there I sat so all alone
Like a king who sits upon his throne
And whose kingdom may have just gone home
With another kingdom

So as you can imagine much to my surprise
When the door was flung back open wide
It was a miracle
She walked inside
And pulled her chair up next to me

And that's when she knew
She had made her
First mistake

Honey I don't know what you just heard
But come on baby
Are my favorite words
And where we're going
Is a long way from here

And where we're going
Is a long way from here

So like I said before
I could not have known
How this fairy tale would finally go
Still the only certain thing for sure
Is what I do not know

So like the years and all the seasons pass
And like the sand runs through the hour glass

I just keep on running faster
Chasing the happily
I am ever after

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Chasing the happily
I am ever after