

# Mama Had A Stove

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They say that I'm a loner  
They say that I'm a stooge  
But all I've ever wanted  
Was back in baton rouge  
We'd paddle up the river  
Go fishin' in a stream  
We'd see the people drinkin'  
On the mississippi queen

And mama had a stove  
And daddy had a still  
Then daddy ran away  
With his second cousin jill

I left home at ten  
I joined a carnival  
Washin' down the elephants  
Life was never dull  
One night when the clowns  
Had all got drunk  
I sneaked into your wagon  
And rifled through your trunk

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And mama raised us up  
To never tell a lie  
Except when there's a secret  
Where the neighbors tend to pry  
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