

## Emerald And Ash

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Sugarplum fairies on parade  
The smiling dolls wield the sharpest blade  
Candyfloss pink the sequins whirl  
Beneath a serpent ready to uncurl

A dealer playing with my state of mind  
Roulette wheel the colours were entwined  
Black and white Russians were prepared  
She staked him claim to the lions share

Dressed in velvet in the limelight  
She beckoned me from marble stairs  
Long ago with all the dreamers  
I fell into her emerald spell

A thousand silver songs that filled the air  
Rosary the worry beads of care  
I should have understood  
the queen of hearts  
Played to win right from the start

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The dice were loaded, knew I was ensnared  
Fingers turned to talons in my hair  
A rusted door inside a golden cage  
A broken chord, a bird that flew away

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