

ACE OF SPADES

Robbie on my left had two Kings on the table and the third was in his hands, I could see it written in his eyes
Billy over there was working on an inside straight and his sad, old face left very little for surprise
Pauper Johnny hadn't won a hand all evening and from the looks of him, he hadn't won a hand his whole life
And me, I sitting with three bullets in my hand, two kids, a couple of late payments, and a pregnant wife

We decided this was the last hand of the evening and Johnny's engagement ring sat in the middle of the pot
Ninety bills surrounded that fake diamond which would only get you forty bucks down at the local pawn shop
Robbie and Pauper Johnny wanted two from the top and Ol' Billy needed one just to make his dream come true
The worn out deck of cards felt like a revolver in my hands as I dealt them all theirs then I dealt myself two

Now I've had troubles, perhaps more than my share
And sometimes it feels like I'm alone out here
And sometimes I look up and say, "Hey does anybody up there, really care?"(And I'd say)

Please baby, please, give me the cards that I need
I don't ask for much and I don't ask for free
Give those cards and it'll be all right
My premiums are paid and we'll call it even tonight
Please baby, please give me the cards that I need
I don't ask for much and I don't ask for me
Give those cards and it'll be all right
My premiums are paid and it's been a hell of a life

Janey was three months pregnant and beginning to show signs and my oldest Junior, he had just turned four
We weren't meeting ends and we were barely still friends and my job wasn't cutting it down at the grocery store
You see, Janey always hated when I stayed out on these nights, always coming home smelling of cheap cigars and cheaper wine
But I knew if that lady in white could just shine down on me tonight, Janey would have no choice, but to just remember me kind

Well, I slide my two cards off of the felt table and added these two to my other three
I shuffled them in my hands hoping that somehow they'd change, but if there's one thing life's taught me, it's that that just can't be
I pushed them back at one at a time in my hands and there it sat next to the lonely Queen of Hearts
It was all written down plain for anyone to see as plain as the face of the only death card

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And sometimes I look up say, "Hey does anybody out there, really care"

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I don't know, I don't care
I don't know, I don't care
I don't know, I don't care
I don't know why I don't care

Billy cursed a bit 'cause he didn't get what he wanted and like I said before he wasn't good at covering up stuff
Robbie thought his Kings might carry the pot if he laid down enough money to play out his little bluff
So he drop another twenty down onto the table and Pauper Johnny just sighed as he took his watch off his wrist
He said, "This was given to me, by my Old Man before he died and when he died, it was the last thing that was still really his

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Well, I looked my cards and I looked at their faces and I thought to myself, "You know, you got them all beat

But by the time my reflexes matched his twenty dollar bet, Robbie had gone first laying, "The Kings down and neat"
Pauper Johnny cried like some accident waiting to happen he said, "I'm sorry Robbie, but that doesn't beat my full house
With three Eights and two suicide Jacks in his hand, he knew he find some way to lose somehow

Now the cards I've been dealt, are the cards I've always played
But this time the cards had that damn Ace of Spades
Well, I just looked up and out and said, "It's yours Johnny, cause brother I fold