

# Once Was a Gambler

## Lightnin' Hopkins

Yeah, you know I once was a gambler  
But I lost my money roll  
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Boy, but I lost my money roll  
That's the reason I don't have no sweet woman  
Now I done lost my happy home  
You take it down when you lose that no good money  
He sat around with his head hung down  
When you lose that old dog gone money  
You sit around with your head hung down  
You will try to borrow you fifty dollars  
To start all over again in another town  
Too late you gonna lose  
Your friends don't pay you no money  
Baby, if you only will forgive me  
I won't gamble no more  
If you only will forgive me, baby  
Lord, have mercy, poor Lightnin' won't gamble no more  
She says I can't help you now  
Sold out to the devil and that's no way to go  
And I couldn't help but cry  
I cried like I did  
She said I didn't want you to gamble, Lightnin'  
You know who I am, I'm your wife  
She said I didn't want you to gamble, Lightnin'  
You know who I am, I am your wife  
She's looking at, brother, just like you lost your money  
You had a good chance to lose your life  
So go ahead on, Lightnin'

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