

# Ballad of Spider John

Jimmy Buffett

spider john is my name friend  
I'm in between freights and I sure would be obliged  
If you'd share your company  
I'm on my way to nowhere been running from my past  
running from the things i used to bee  
I know this may sound strange to you  
But if you wait till the song is sung and the story is told  
You might come to understand  
Oh, I'm old and bent and devil sent, runnin' out of time  
When I long ago held a royal flush in my handChorus:  
Oh, I was a supermarket fool  
I was a motor bank stool-pidgeon, robbin' my hometown  
I thought I lost my blues,  
yes I thought I paid my dues  
I thought I'd found a life to suit my style  
But here I sit old spider john the robber-man  
Long, tall, and handsome  
Yes, old spider john with a loaded hand, takin' ransomThen one day I met diamond lill  
She was the sweetest thing, I declareThat the summer breeze had ever blown my way  
But lilly she had no idea, of my illustrious occupation  
She thought I was a saint, not a sinner, gone astray  
Spider he loved his lilly so much he could not confess his sins  
For he knew if he did lilly would surely take her leave  
But you know that the word got around and lilly left town  
And he never saw her again  
Tossin' and turnin', 'causin' my heart to grieveChorus:  
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I was a motor bank stool-pidgeon,  
robbin' my hometown  
I thought I lost my blues, yes I thought I paid my dues  
I thought I'd found a life to suit my styleAnd I was spider john the robber-man  
Long, tall, and handsome  
Yes, I was spider john with a loaded hand, takin' ransomThat is all my story  
It's been these thirty years since I took to the road  
To find my precious jewel one  
And if you see my lilly, won't you give her my regards  
Tell her ole spider got tangled in the black web that he spun  
You can tell her that spider got tangled the black web that he spun

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