## **Once Was a Gambler**

## **Lightnin' Hopkins**

Yeah, you know I once was a gambler
But I lost my money roll
Yeah, you know I once was a gambler
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 townToo late you gonna lose Your friends don't pay you no moneyBaby, 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 moreShe 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 didShe 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 lifeSo go ahead on, Lightnin'

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