

# Poor Thing

Craig Hughes

Isn't there a room up there over the pie shop?  
If times are so hard why don't you rent it out?  
That should bring in something  
Up there, oh no, I no go near it, people think its haunted  
You see, years ago something happened up there  
Something not very nice There was a barber and his wife  
And he was beautiful  
A proper artist with a knife  
But they transported him for life  
And he was beautiful Barker his name was, Benjamin Barker  
Transported? What was his crime?  
Foolishness He had this wife, you see  
Pretty little thing, silly little nit  
Had her chance for the moon on a string  
Poor thing, poor thing There were these two, you see  
Wanted her like mad, one of them a judge  
[Incomprehensible] on his beadle  
Everyday they'd nudge and they'd weedle  
But she wouldn't budge from her needle  
Too bad, pure thing So they merely shipped up for blighter off south, they did  
Leaving her with nothing but grief and a year old kid  
Did you use her head even then? Oh no, God forbid  
Poor fool, ah, but there was worse yet to come  
Poor thing Joanna, that was the child's name  
Pretty little Joanna, go on  
My, you do like a good story, don't you? Well, Beadle calls on her all polite  
Poor thing, poor thing  
The judge, he tells her, is all contrite  
He blames himself for her dreadful plight  
She must come straight to his house tonight  
Poor thing, poor thing Of course when she goes there  
Poor thing, poor thing  
They're having this ball all in masks  
There's no one she knows there  
Poor dear, poor thing She wonders, tormented and drinks  
Poor thing  
The judge has repented, she thinks  
Poor thing  
"Oh, where is Judge Turpin?" she asks

He was there, alright, only not so contrite  
She wasn't no match for such craft, you see  
And everyone thought it so drull  
They figured she had to be daft, you see  
So all of them stood there and laughed, you see  
Poor soul, poor thing  
No, would no one have mercy on her?  
So it is you, Benjamin Barker

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