

# My Mother Was A Lady

## Johnny Cash

Two drummers they were seated in a grand hotel one day  
While dining they were chatting in a sort of joking way  
There came a pretty waitress to bring a tray of food

They spoke to her familiarly in a manner sort of rude  
At first she did not notice nor make the least reply  
When somethin' that was said to her brought teardrops to her eyes

She turned on her tormentors, her cheeks were flamin' red

Approaching as a picture these are the words she said  
My Mother was a lady and yours, I would allow  
You may have a sister who needs protection now  
I've come to this great city to find my brother dear

You would not dare insult me, sir, if brother Jack were here  
The two sat there in silence, their heads hung low in  
shame

Forgive us, miss, we meant no harm, pray tell us what is your name  
She told him and he cried aloud I know your brother too

We've been friends for many, many years and he oftentimes speaks of you  
Come go with me when I go back and if  
you'll only wed

I'll take you to him as my bride, I've loved you since you said  
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