

# Mother Blues

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When I was a young man  
About 21 years old y'all  
All I wanted was a stripper girlfriend  
And a Gold Top Les Paul  
Be careful of the things you wish for  
You might get 'emThere was a night club in Dallas  
Called Mother Blues  
It's where Lightning Hopkins played  
And Freddy King even payed some duesAll the dealers and gamblers  
And young white hipsters, they all made the scene  
The girl at the door who checked ID's  
Was just 16Aw, it was not a place for law biding citizens  
Jackie Jones he had 'em a habit, he just couldn't stop  
Aaid give me 500 dollars  
And I'll sell you my Les Paul God TopI drove my daddy's car down to Ross Avenue  
And I sold it  
I guess I should have told him  
He eluded to the police someone stole itIt was just the first of many bad decisions  
I was to make for the next 20 years  
Oh, but I had me a guitarEverybody knows  
That the real nightlife  
Begins after the clubs close  
What they call after hoursIt's 2 a.m. and everybody's gone  
But the band, the dealers and Jack Jones  
And then the girls from the landing strip club come over  
After they put their clothes back onSo I'm at Ma Blues and I'm sitting on an amp  
I'm playing "Twist and Shout"  
And this tall drink of water walks in  
Like she might have to shoot her way outShe come up to me and she said  
"You know anything good on that guitar?"  
I didn't say nothing, I just kept on playing  
She said, "Have you ever heard this song  
Called Polk Salad Annie?" I just kept playingShe said, "Every time I hear that song  
My insides feel like warm butter  
And I just wanna take off my clothes  
And dance around in my underwear"I said, "Down in Louisiana  
Where the alligator grow so mean"  
That's all I knew of it and it was enoughSo we hit it off, me and this dancer  
We hit it off like a metaphor

Like a metaphor for a hydrogen bomb

We was enriched uranium, super critical mass

We was a chain reaction, it was love and lust

Aw, mostly lust but a mutual attraction So there I was boys at 21 years old, I had it all

I had a fine stripper girlfriend and a Gold Top Les Paul

Aw, the future, it looked promising

Oh but there were dark clouds on the horizon She was a beautiful girl

But she liked to drink Tequila and that ain't all

I come home 4 or 5 times

And she pawned my Les Paul We broke up and she went to Hollywood

She married an actor She got a job dancing on the Hudson Brothers TV show

And modeling lipstick from Max Factor

I got over her, I'm glad she done alright

I'm glad she done alright, oh yes, I am Well now me, I never busted through the gates

Into the big time as a rock and roll star

For 40 years I just carried around an old Gold Top guitar But love and fate are mysterious things

In this funky old world

It was 20 years ago I ended up marrying

That Mother Blues door girl We had us a boy, he's 18 years old now, he's playing guitar

He ended up with that Les Paul Gold Top, yes, he did

Now I don't know if he's gonna hang his life on it or not

But I'm very grateful for the time I get to share the stage with him I'm grateful for the time I get to play with

musicians

Like George Reiff and Rick Richards

I'm grateful that I get to write these old songs

And travel around the world and play them for people And they come out and hear me play

And the days that I keep my gratitude

Higher than my expectations

Well, I have really good days

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