My Mother Was a Lady

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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 rudeAt 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 saidMy Mother was a lady and yours, I would allow
You may have a sister who needs protection now

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

I've come to this great city to find my brother dear

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 ofttimes speaks of you

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