Black-eyed Susan

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Twenty days walking so lonely
And talking to myself and the rocks
And sand got me to thinking
'Bout going and drinking
In a tavern with a clean-shaven manJust when I thought all souls
Had been bought by the devil here long ago
There did I see when I knelt to my knee
I little Texas flower growBlack-eyed Susan by the roadside
Blooming all yellow like sunshine
Red like wine flower like you in a desert this cruel
My, my, you're a rare, rare findWell, my newfound friend gave my heart a mend
I sang her songs of my wayward ways
When day turned to night in the crystal moonlight
I confirmed her unwavering gazeAs the days unraveled I stayed in the gravel
And Susan kept her eye on me
With my eye on her I felt my heart all astir
With the joy of camaraderieBlack-eyed Susan by the roadside
Blooming all yellow like sunshine
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My, my, you're a rare, rare find

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