

Delia

Blind Willie McTell

Delia was a gamblin',
Gambled all around.
Delia was a gamblin' girl,
she laid her money down.
She's all I got, and it's gone. Delia's dear mother
took a trip out west,
when she returned,
little Delia had gone to rest.
She's all I got, and it's gone. Delia's mother weeps,
Delia's father mourns,
wouldn't have hit so bad
if our child had died at home.
She's all I got and it's gone. Delia, Delia, how can it be?
Say you love them rounders, and don't love me.
She's all I got, and it's gone. Cutty keepin' in my room,
drinkin' it out a silver cup.
Delia she's in the graveyard,
may not never wake up.
She's all I got, and it's gone. Rubber-tire buggy, double-seated hack,
Taken Delia to the cemetery,
but failed to bring her back.
She's all I got, and it's gone. Delia, Delia.
Poor girl, she's gone.
With all I hate, she done left me all alone.
She's all I got; it's gone. Sheriff said to Curtis,
"what that stuff's about?"
on account o' those gamblin's
they tryin' to drive me out.
She's all I got; it's gone. Curtis went to Church,
what may be more fine?
I done told you, poor boy
you gotta learn and learn. Up on the house-top,
high above the sea,
lookin' at those those rounders,
lookin' up to me. Kenny lookin' high, Kenny lookin' low,
Shot poor Delia down with that hated. 44

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