

Miss Otis Regrets

Ethel Waters

Miss Otis regrets she's unable to lunch today, madam
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She is sorry to be delayed
But last evening down at lover's lane she strayed, madam
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When she woke up and found
That her dream of love had gone, madam
She ran to the man who had led her so far astray
And from under her velvet gown
She drew a gun and shot her lover down, madam
Miss Otis regrets she's unable to lunch today
When the mob came and got her
And dragged her from the jail, madam
They strung her up on the old willow across the way
And the moment before she died
She lifted up her lovely head and cried, madam
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