## **Swing Low**

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I met her at the mission Living just this side of sin Her mouth was soft and when she spoke Lord, I fell right in She had a baby in a blanket A dollar and a half She looked a little leery She let out a little laughOpened up my overcoat Invited them inside Two fragile little flowers With nowhere left to hideShe said her old man left her Just before the baby came I could feel the tears well up inside Each time she spoke his nameSwing low, swing low Sweet angel face Why would such a simple child Baby woke and stirred

Come to such a place? We talked until the wind died down She made a little hushing sound

Spoke some magic wordThe baby yawned and smiled at me But she said, "We can't stay"

> She thanked me for my kindness Turned and walked awaySwing low, swing low

Sweet angel face Why would such a simple child

Come to such a place? I think about them all the time

Hope they found their home

Seems that it's my calling now

To walk these streets aloneSometimes when the wind is right

I can smell her sweet perfume

I think about the warm embrace

That ended all too soonSwing low, swing low

Sweet angel face

Why would such a simple child Come to such a place? Oh, oh, oh, why would such a simple child Come to such a place?

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