

Fannin Street

The Backsliders

My mama told me
My sister too
Said, 'The Shreveport women, son,
Will be the death of you'

Said to my mama,
'Mama, you don't know
If the Fannin Street women gonna kill me
Well, you might as well let me go'

Follow me down,
Follow me down,
Follow me down
By Mr Tom Hughes town

I went to my mama
Fell down on my knees
Said, 'Oh, mama, won't you forgive me, please?'

She started to cry
Follow me down,
Follow me down,
Follow me down
By Mr Tom Hughes town

I got a woman
Lives on Stony Hill
She used to sit down and gamble with
Mr Buffalo Bill

He's a bad man

You got a woman
Gamble with Buffalo Bill
Two chances in one, babe,
You ain't done got killed

She started to cry

Follow me down,

Follow me down,
Follow me down
By Mr Tom Hughes town

I got a woman
Lives back of the jail
Makes an honest livin'
By the wigglin' of her tail

Cry for me

Anyone should ask you
Who made up this song
Tell 'em Huddie Ledbetter
Done been here and gone

Follow me down,
Follow me down,
Follow me down
By Mr Tom Hughes town

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