A Picture from Life's Other Side

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In the world's mighty gallery of pictures
Hang the scenes that're painted from life
There's pictures of love and of passion
And there's pictures of keys and of strifeThere hung pictures of youth and of beauty

Of old age and a blushing young bride
They all hung on the wall but the saddest of all

Are the pictures from life's other sideJust a picture from life's other side

Someone has fell by the way

A life has gone out with the tide

That might have been happy some dayThere's a poor old mother at home She's watching and waiting alone

Just longing to hear from a loved one so dear

Just a picture from life's other sideThe first scene is that of a gambler

Who had lost all of his money at play

And he drowses dead mother's ring from his finger

Which she wore long ago on her wedding dayIt's his last earthly treasure but he stakes it

Then bows his head that his shame he might hide But when they lifted his head they found he was dead

That's just a picture from life's other sideNow the last scene is that by the river

Of a heartbroken mother and baby

As the harbor lights shine and they shiver

On an outcast, soon no one will saveAnd yet she was once a true woman

She was somebody's darling and pride

God help her she leaps, oh there's no one to weep

It's just a picture from life's other side

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