

## Hospital Lady

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The braid is held in with a bobby pin  
She's a woman, she wears a pink hat  
The rouge on the face  
The bobble, the lace  
Once a young girl  
Please don't forget that

The pretty red top  
Just about stopped  
It wobbled it don't spin anymore

Reach for the sky  
Against gravity try  
Stay away from the cold wooden floor.

There was a time not so long ago

She was dancing with her favorite beau  
Who died in 1953.

Consider her chart  
There is dust on the heart  
A thorn bush grows inside the spleen

Clouds on the eyes hide Al Jolson blue skies  
The lungs have turned bright kelly green

Old lady blues wears old lady shoes  
Her new lover is old daddy death