

## Big Bad Bill (Is Sweet William Now)

Merle Haggard

In the town of Louisville  
They got a man called Big Bad Bill  
I want to tell you he sure was tough  
Yeah, all folks scared to death

When he walked by they held their breath  
He was a mighty man sure enough  
Now Bill took himself a wife  
Now he's a different guy

Big Bad Bill is sweet William now  
Married life has changed him somehow  
Yet he's not the man they used to fear  
Now the people call him, sweet Papa Willie dear

Stronger than Sampson I'll declare  
And he's bound in mama comb his hair  
Big Bad Bill don't fight anymore  
Wash his dishes and he might sweep the floor

Yeah, he used to spend his evenings a lookin' for a fight  
But now he gotta see his Mama every night

'Cause Big Bad Bill is sweet William now  
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