

What's Your Mama's Name Child

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What's your mama's name, child, what's your mama's name?

Thirty some odd years ago a young man came to Memphis
Asking 'bout a rose that used to blossom in his world
People never took the time to mind the young man's questions
Till one day they heard him ask a little green eyed girl

What's your mama's name, child, what's your mama's name?
Does she ever talk about a place called New Orleans
Has she ever mentioned a man named Buford Wilson
What's your mama's name, child, what's your mama's name?

Twenty some odd years ago a drunkard down in Memphis
Lost a month of life and labored to the country jail
Just because he asked a little green eyed girl a question
And offered her a nickel's worth of candy if she'd tell

A year and some odd days ago an old man died in Memphis
Just another wayward soul the county had to claim
Inside the old man's ragged coat they found a faded letter
That said you have a daughter and her eyes are Wilson green

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