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Oh help me, please mama, I'm sick'ning
It's today that's the day of the plunge
Oh the gal I'm to marry
Is a bow-legged sow
I've been soakin' up drink like a sponge

"Don't ya worry, get dressed," cried my mother As she plied me with bourbon so sour Pull your socks up, put your suit on Comb your long hair down, For you will be wed in the hour

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I was tremblin', as I put on my jacket
It had creases as sharp as a knife
I put the ring in my pocket
But there was a note
And my heart it jumped into my mouth

It read, "Darlin', I'm sorry to hurt you. But I have no courage to speak to your face. But I'm down in Virginia with your cousin Lou There be no wedding today."

So help me, please doctor, I'm damaged You can put back my heart in its hole Oh mama, I'm cryin' Tears of relief And my pulse is now under control