

Royal Annie

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She wore a big yellow bow in her hair one morning we woke up she was there
We were a little old out of way town and all us kids were glad to have her around
You know her castle was an old mobile home she didn't even have a cellular phone
She lived on cigarettes and cookies and tea and said she once had a show on TV
And all us kids around town called her Royal Annie
She talked to babies who had never been born
Said she had dresses that she never had worn
She had sweethearts who came out of the air and said she had a lock of Elvis' hair
She pushed an old shopping cart around town
She wore sneakers and an old satin gown
She wore diamonds and we knew they were fake
Said she once gave Dolly Parton a break
And all us kids around town called her Royal Annie
She'd sit and stare at the bright morning sun
We were suspicious that she carried a gun
They once considered puttin' Annie in jail she never ever went to pick up her mail
Then one day there was a big limousine came to town and caused a terrible scene
A bunch of doctors and lawyers they say and they came to take Annie away
And all us kids around town called her Royal Annie
When Royal Annie was gone I recall they had a meeting at a community hall
They wrote a letter and were tryin' to say they hoped that Annie had enjoyed her stay
Well they'd been looking for her over a year
They were surprised to find her living out here
And Royal Annie sent a small note of thanks and she had 10 million bucks in the bank
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