

Joe Ely, Gambler's Bride

Hello, my babe. I'm back to stay
You're sure wearing fine pretty things.
But where is your ring, your ring and chain
I gave you last summer in the fallin' rain?

"Your ring," she said, "You've been gone so long.
I gave your ring away
I met a man, a gamblin' man.
Said he would buy me the Milky Way."

Away, Away. I've been away.
I've been so many miles.
Where is the smile that once lit your face?
It seems a tear has taken its place

"My smile," she sighed, with a look a little wild,
"My smile it is possessed.
I met a man, a gamblin' man.
Said he would buy me happiness."

I never, I never
You know I never
I never had much to give
But I gave you my heart
Now where is your heart?
It was all that I had from the very start.

"My heart," she cried, "It has been bought."
She looked at me with fear.
"I married that man, that gamblin' man
Who'd shoot you if he found you here."