

# Blackie And The Rodeo Kings, Willie's Diamond Joe

(Willie P. Bennett)

Once I was a rich man,  
A gambler was my game  
Til I saw her cool beauty  
Inside her danced my flame  
And I watched till my desire  
Was turned from me to her  
And she watched till I was blinded  
And then she left me there

Give her diamonds for her fingers  
And rhinestones for her hair  
Give her dresses for her body  
But don't ever give her care  
She'll curse you and she'll haunt you  
And she'll do it with a smile  
Even when you're on the long road  
And been down it many a mile

I gave her all she needed  
I loved her all I could  
But she wanted more boys  
And I never understood  
And the times that I would leave her  
I never could decide  
Whether I was gone for good then  
Or just for one last ride

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