

Ballad of Spider John

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[Am] Spider John is my [C] name friends

[D] I'm in between freights and I sure would be obliged [Am]

If I could [C] share your company [G]

[Am] I'm on my way to [C] nowhere

Been [D] running from my [G] past

[Am] Runnin' from the [C] things I use to be [G]

[Am] Well I now I know my words sound [C] strange to you

But if you [D] wait till my song is sung my the story told [Am]

You might [C] come to understand [G]

Why I'm [Am] old and bent and [C] Devil spent and [D] running out of time [G]

When not [Am] long ago I held a [C] royal flush in my hand [D]

Chorus

Oh I was a [Em] supermarket fool [Em7]

I was an [A7] older bank stool pigeon [Em] robbin' [Em7] my home [A7] town

I [Em] thought I lost my [Em7] blues yes I [A7] thought I paid my dues

And [F] I thought I'd found a [C] life to suit my style [G]

And old [G] spider john the [F] robber man

[C] long tall and [Am] handsome

Yes old [G] spider john with a [F] loaded hand [C] takin' [Am] ransom

[Am] Then one day I met [C] diamond lil

and [D] she was the sweetest thing I declare

That the [Am] summer breeze [C] had ever blown my [G] way

But [Am] lil she had no idea [C] of my [D] illustrious occupation [G]

She [Am] thought I was a saint not a sinner [C] gone astray [G] -ay

[Am] Spider he loved his [C] lily so much could [D] not confess his sins

Cause his [Am] knew if I he [C] do, she would surely to take her leave [G]

But you know that the [Am] word got around and [C] lily left town

And he [D] never saw her again [G]
[Am] Tossin' and turnin' [C] causing his heart to grieve [D]

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[Am] That is all my [C] story
It's [D] been these thirty years since I took the [Am] road
To find my [C] precious jewel one [G]

[Am] If you see my [C] Lily won't you [D] give her my regards [G]
Tell her old [Am] spider got tangled in the [C] black web that he spun [G]
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