

## The Unwed Mother Blues

Carnal delight in the night  
At Dawn he was gone  
Daylight would sever love songs forever  
He left with his boots from under my bed  
Morning promises he said were dead  
He knelled to say goodbye, I sat alone to cry  
With nothing left to say he walked away  
I pondered my fate  
Cause I was late

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My future in tatters my dreams now shattered,  
The seeds I'd'e sow caused a life to grow  
My heart was wide open, my legs were too  
Nine months later wondering what to do

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illegitimate shame I hid my pain  
To raise a child alone or give her away  
I learned to face each new day  
My daughter was born without a dad  
The wind blew hard over the little we had  
Liven off the love we shared, just to know someone cared  
Healing the hurt over opportunities missed I found joy in a baby's kiss  
Her father was a gambling man, baby and me doing all we can,  
Each day walking on quick sand

With nothing left to lose  
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I met him once at the end when heroin had done him in  
Hormones rage , lust in a cage  
smudging with sage, making minimum wage  
Our lives a patch work quilt, each piece stitched on the love we built

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Mentors were kind, opened my heart and mind  
Adventures found on solid ground  
Old age creeping in thinking of my past sin  
Unwed mother blued shaped my soul like water on a rock  
freed my heart from its old lock

Living my life with no regrets being ready when the sun sets

After we're gone our memory lives on  
to add a new verse to our family song  
Children are love's legacy  
Crone wisdom looking back to see  
To give advise to mothers to be  
Keep your heart wide open, your legs locked tight  
Till you know who your lovin in the middle of the night