

The Saddest Story Ever Told

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When a white girl marries a negro,
her sun of life goes down.
And glaring spots of sin
appear on her white wedding gown.

And white and black men stand aghast,
while viewing this range role:
And mutter, "they will wreck themselves,
and damn each other's soul."

We know a carnivorous bug
has crept into her brain
And gnawed away here self-respect,
which left her half insane.

Now all her racial pride has flown
beyond redemption's fold
And she begins life's saddest tale
that ever yet was told.

Three days and nights she felt black lips
press smug against her own.
And on the fourth, her troubled soul,
let out a frightful groan.

And so the weeks and months flew by,
and then a baby came;
She looked at it with tear filled eyes,
and hung her head with shame.

And then she dreamed of other days,
sweet girlhood days gone by,
And of the white friends left behind,
and so we hear her cry;

"O, could I turn life's pendulum
backwards a few short years
I would not bear this cross today,
nor shed these bitter tears."

"My baby would be white as snow,
and sleep upon my breast
Like a little fledgling robin
that slumbers in its nest.

While now, O God, my mongrel child
just whimpers through the night
Till in my sleepless dreams I scream,
not white, O God, not white!"

And so I stagger through my days
far from God's love and grace,
Till now, I know, no black man lives,
can take a white man's place.

My offspring shall be mongrel bred,
their hue-skin shall remain,
For even God with all his power,
cannot remove the stain.

I sold my birthright for a mess,
I mixed my white-born blood
With black blood, so I languish here
like one bogged down in mud.

Though God may grant a pardon,
I never can retrace
My footsteps down life's narrow road,
back to the white man's race.

So now I groan, "It might have been,"
had racial pride been mine.
Today I'd hug a pure white child,
and call him half divine.

I'd lift him up before the world,
and praise his father's name,
While now, my baby's mongrel face,
reminds me of my shame.

All other crimes may be forgiven
when prayer its power fulfills;
The scheming crook may find new hope,
and even the man that kills,

But all my prayers can never clear
my baby's mongrel skin,
Nor make him white as driven snow,
nor cleanse my soul of sin.

I was my father's future hope,
my mother's joy and pride
But I got lost on life's dark road,
and there my spirit died.

I smeared my all-white heritage
and left the white man's track,
Now my descendants for all time
shall be forever black.

I try to hide from all the stars,
the moon and the setting sun;
For all mankind of my white race,
condemn what I have done;

I tremble and my teardrops flow,
I pray, but pray in vain;
For nevermore shall I be
one with my white race again.

And so dark clouds above me roll,
deep waters crash below,
I sink, and reap what I have sown,
and drink my cup of woe.

My mother sleeps deep in her grave,
my dad lies at her side,
For both were crushed when I became
a negroe's common bride.

Now, should I decide to leave him,
where could I choose to go?
My misspent life will follow me
like footprints in the snow.

Before me lie dark jungles
where paramours seek a prey:
Behind me death keeps whispering,
"I am the only way."

This black and white, prenuptial mess,
this racial suicide;
Must be forbidden by the law,
men must find racial pride!

Then, never again, forever,
shall tales like mine unfold,
With all its shame, the saddest tale,
that ever yet was told.

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