

The meanest criminal I know's a man named Johnny King.
He'll spit in your eye at a funeral, and then he'll dance and sing.
His mother never raised him right, his father weren't around,
One of these days someone's gonna put Johnny underground.

Now Johnny had a habit, a nasty evil thing.
He liked to go to weddings, and steal the wedding ring,
But then one day the sheriff's girl got married in the town
And the sheriff set himself to putting Johnny underground.

But Johnny was a clever man, more so than people thought.
He didn't need to steal the ring, he stole the daughter's heart.
The sheriff hated Johnny so, but what could he do now?
He set to planning for the day he'd run Johnny out of town.