

At one time, I was under the delusion that it would be fun to have a really hot horse. In horse parlance, "hot" means a horse that is high-spirited, that is always dancing and prancing and that is ready to run full speed as soon as there is the slightest slack in the reins. Well, I found a fellow who needed to sell such a horse, a big red gelding, because of a pending divorce. Nice guy that I am, I bailed him out of all of his troubles. I became the owner of:

JIMMY RAY

Due to a divorce,
I bought a horse
I thought he looked real cool;
But it turned out
That without a doubt,
I was the greater fool.

Now of course,
I test drove that horse,
He acted like he was on fire;
But I had no thought
This horse I bought
Would never, ever tire.

That horse was hot
To run and trot,
He never got tired all day;
He loved to prance
To jump and dance,
I named him . . . Jimmy Ray.

He'd run in place
Like in a race
Throughout each and every ride;
I had to fight
With all my might
To make that horse abide.



If I sought a truce
 With reins a-loose,
 He'd take off at a run;
 By the end of the day,
 All I could say
 Was, "I'm gonna go get my gun!"

On a ride one day
 I was fightin' away,
 Battling with all my force;
 My sister asked,
 "You like this task?
 Why'd you ever buy this horse?"

Then something
 Occurred last spring,
 Our paint mare came in season;
 We paid some bread
 To get her bred
 To a paint stud who was pleasin'.

Later in the field
 That mare did yield
 To Jimmy's amorous wooing;
 In that encounter
 He did mount her,
 My God! What's he doing?

We were surprised
 By our eyes
 'Cause Jimmy had been fixed;
 But if Doc Cobb
 Had botched that job,
 Our plans, they would be nixed.

“Jimmy, you dolt!
You’d better hope that colt
Don’t turn out to be red!
‘Cause then for sure
The only cure
Will be to shoot your dumb ass dead!”

He was out on a limb,
But lucky for him,
That colt turned out a paint;
We were sure glad
He wasn’t a dad,
And the bloodline he didn’t taint.

Well, I’d had enough
Of that stuff
He couldn’t be controlled;
It was a happy day
When Jimmy Ray
Was the horse that had been sold!
