

DORRAINE OF PONCHARTRAIN

Johnny Cash

Verse:

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AS I WALKED BY THE LAKE ONE DAY

D

BY CHANCE MY DORRAINE PASSED MY WAY

A

THEN SHE AND I WALKED HAND IN HAND

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ON THE BANKS OF PONCHARTRAIN

A

I PINNED A FLOWER ON HER HEART

D

I SWORE WE'D NEVER BE APART

A

SHE VOWED HER LOVE FOREVER

E A

AND AS I KISSED HER DID THE SAME

Chorus:

A D

DORRAINE MY DORRAINE

A

MY DARK HAIRE D LITTLE ANGEL

E A

MY BELLE OF PONCHARTRAIN

Verse:

WE SAT DOWN ON THE DOCK

AND WITH OUR HEARTS AND FINGERS LOCKED

WE LAUGHED AND TALKED AND JOKED ABOUT

WHEN OUR NAMES ARE THE SAME

AND JOKING I SAID HONEY

ARE YOU MARRYING ME FOR MONEY

AND IT TOOK JUST ONE QUICK LOOK TO TELL

IT HURT MY DEAR DORRAINE

Verse:

SHE JUMPED AND STOOD ABOVE ME

AND SHE CRIED WHY YOU DON'T LOVE ME

I'M ROWING HOME ACCROSS THE LAKE

YOU WON'T SEE ME AGAIN

I CALLED AND CALLED SOME MORE

BUT SHE ROWED FAST FROM THE SHORE

AND THE CLOUDS BROUGHT BY A WIND

BEGAN TO RAIN ON PONCHARTRAIN

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Chorus :

DORRAINE I CALLED DORRAINE
COME BACK ME LITTLE ANGEL
MY BELLE OF PONCHARTRAIN

Verse :

THE STORM SHOULD MAKE HER LEARN
THAT SHE SHOULD MAKE A SWIFT RETURN
BUT AS THE RAIN FELL HARDER
I LOST SIGHT OF MY DORRAINE
AS PANIC GRIPPED MY HEART
I DREW THE OARS AND MADE MY START
TO LOOK FOR HER ON RAGING WATERS
AND THE RAIN ON PONCHARTRAIN

Verse :

AT DARKNESS I STILL CALL
BUT NO ONE HEARD MY CRIES AT ALL
AND WHEN THE DAYBREAK CAME THEN OTHERS
HELPED ME LOOK FOR MY DORRAINE
BUT THERE WAS NOT A THING AFLOAT
EXCEPT THE OARS FROM HER ROWBOAT
FOR ALL WAS LOST UPON THE CHOPPY WAVES
AND RAIN ON PONCHARTRAIN

Verse :

NOW I COME DAY AFTER DAY
TO WHERE MY SWEETHEART ROWED AWAY
AND I GAZE ACROSS THE WATER
OF THE RAINING PONCHARTRAIN
JUST ONE THING AND NOTHING MORE
EVER FLOATED BACK TO SHORE
WAS THIS FLOWER I HOLD; IT IS THE ONE
I PINNED ON MY DORRAINE

Chorus :

DORRAINE MY DORRAINE
MY DARK HAired LITTLE ANGEL
MY BELLE OF PONCHARTRAIN