

Mr Mudd And Mr Gold
Townes Van Zandt

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Sometimes the chords change just before the new line, but for those that change in the midst of the line, I've used caps to stress the syllable where the change occurs. . . .

Basically, the same chords repeat through the song (Em - G - Am - B7 - Em):

Em

The wicked king of clubs awoke

F#

And IT was to his queen he turned

G#m

His LIPS were laughing as he spoke

Bb7

His eyes like bullets burned

Em

the sun s upon a gambling day

F#

his queen smiled low and blissfully

G#m

let s make some wretched fool to play

Bb7

plain it was she did agree

(Just follow this progression throughout the song. . . .)

He send his deuce down into diamond
his four to hart, and his trey to spade
three kings with their legions come
preparations soon where made
they voted club the days commander
gave him an army face and number
all but the outlaw jack of diamonds
and the aces in the sky

He give his sevens first instructions
spirit me a game of stud
stakes unscarred by limitation
tween a man named Gold and man named Mud
Club filled Gold with greedy vapors
til his long, green eyes did glow
Mud was left with the sighs and trembles
watching his hard earned money go

Flushes fell on Gold like water
tens they paired and paired again
but the aces only flew through heaven
and the diamond jack called no man friend
The diamond queen saw Muds ordeal
began to think of her long lost son
fell to her knees with a mother s mercy
prayed to the angels every one

The diamond queen, she prayed and prayed
and the diamond angel filled Muds hole
the wicked king of clubs himself
fell in face down in front of Gold
now three kings come to Clubs command
but the angels from the sky did ride
three kings up on the streets of Gold
three fireballs on the muddy side

The club queen heard her husband s call
but Lord that queen of diamond s joy
when the outlaw in the heavenly hall
turned out to be a wandering boy
Now Mud he checked and Gold bet all
and Mud he raised and Gold did call
and the smile just melted off his face
when Mud turned over that diamond ace

Now here s what this story s told
if you feel like Mud you ll end up Gold
if you feel like lost, you ll end up found
so amigo, lay them raises down

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