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(a.k.a. "Delia, Oh, Delia", "Diele" or "Delie Gone")
Words & Music: probably Blind Willie McTell
It was written by the calypso singer known as
"Blind Blake (Blake Alphonso Higgs) and tells the
story from the perspective of her killer.
Pete Seeger & Johnny Cash have famous covers of that song.

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Delia was a gambler, gambled all around
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She was a gambling girl, she laid her money down.
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She's all I got is gone.

Delia's dear ol' mother took a trip out West
When she returned, little Delia hadd gone to rest.
She's all I got is gone.

Delia's mother weeped, Delia's father moaned
Wouldn't have hurt so bad if that child died at home.
She's all I got is gone.

Delia, Delia, how can it be?
You say you love them rounders and don't love me.
She's all I got is gone.

Kenny, he's in a barroom, drinking from a silver cup.
Delia, she's in the graveyard, and may not never wake up.
She's all I got is gone.

Rubber-tired buggy, double-seated hack,
Takin' Delia to the cemetery, but failed to bring her back
She's all I got is gone.

Delia, oh, Delia! Poor girl, she's gone
Oh, how I hate that she left me all alone.
She's all I got is gone.

Judge said to Kenny, "What's the fuss about?"
"On account of the gamblers tryin' to drive me out."
She's all I got is gone.

Kenny said to the Judge, "What may be my fine?"
"I done told you, poor boy, you got ninety-nine."
She's all I got is gone.

High upon the housetops, high as I can see.
Looking at them rounders, looking out for me.
She's all I got is gone.

Kenny lookin' high, Kenny lookin' low,
Shot poor Delia with that hateful .44
She's all I got is gone.