

The Letter Edged in Black

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1. I was stand-ing by my win-dow yes-ter-day morn-ing, With-out— a thought of
2. He— rang the bell and whist-led as— he wait-ed, He— said— "Good

wor-ry or of care.— When I saw the post-man com-ing up the
morn-ing, to you Jack,"— But he lit-tle knew the sor-row that he

path-way,— With such a hap-py face and jol-ly air.—
brought me,— When he hand-ed me that let-ter edged in black.—

3. With trembling hands, I took that letter from him,
I broke the seal and this is what it said:
"Come home my boy, your dear old father wants you,
Come home my boy, your dear old mother's dead."

5. "The last words that your mother ever uttered,
Were 'Tell my boy, I want him to come back,'
May the angels bear me witness I am asking,
Your forgiveness in this letter edged in black."

(Repeat verse 2)

4. "Those angry words I wished I'd never spoken,
You know I didn't mean them don't you Jack?
I bow my head in sadness and in sorrow,
While I'm writing you this letter edged in black."