1. It's not as if I didn't know better,
   Her innocent look and a scented letter,
   It looked like love but it felt like a memory,
   Sometimes a young girl wants a ticket out,
   And a gambler on a roll looks good no doubt,
   But if you think you're winnin'
   You don't even know the game you're in.

chorus: It's read 'em and weep, it's a sad old song,
   You take your chances just the same,
   Don't it serve me right how it all went wrong,
   Bettin' on a hard luck heart in a heartbreak game,
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2. It's not as if she never loved me,
   But times get rough and the rooms get lonely,
   And a girl learns fast,
   There's a lot of different things called love,
   I got burned bad but I'm still in this game,
   It's a dirty deal but nobody's to blame,
   If the odds are good lady luck will be back again.

chorus:

bridge: Sometimes you gotta bet your aces low,
   Sometimes you gotta let a good hand go.

chorus: (x2)

oda: Bettin' on a hard luck heart in a heartbreak game.