# Big Bad Bill (Is Sweet William Now)

Music: Milton Ager, Lyrics: Jack Yellen 1924 (based on Van Halen’s 1982 cover version)

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[F][Dm] / [G][C] /**

**[F][Dm] / [G][C]**

Well **[F]** way down yonder in **[A7]** Louisville

**[D]** Lived a cat named **[D]** Big Bad Bill, I want to **[G]** tell ya

**[C]** Ah, the cat was **/** **[F]** rough and **[Dm]** tough, he could **/** **[G]** strut his **[C]** stuff **/**

**[F]** Had the whole town **[A7]** scared to death

When **[D]** he walked by, they all **[D]** held their breath

**[G]** He's a fightin' **[G]** man, sure e-**/[C7]**nough **[B7] / [C7]**

And then **/** **[Gm]** Bill got him-**[Dm]**self a **/** **[Gm]** wife **< SLOWER >**

Now he **[G7]** leads a different **/** **[C]↓** liiii-**[Caug]↓**-ife **/**

**[F]** Big Bad Bill is **[C]** Sweet William **/** **[F]** now **[Dm]** **/ [G][C] /**

**[F]** Married life done **[F7]** changed him some-**[A7]**how **[A7]**

He's the **[Bb]** man the town used to **[Bdim]** fear

Now they **[F]** all call him Sweet Papa **[D7]** Willy Dear

**[G]** Stronger than Samson **[G]** I declare

Till a **[C]↓** brown-skinned woman's, bobbed his hair

**[F]** Big Bad Bill don't **[C]** fight any-**/** **[F]**more **[Dm] /** **[G]** no, no **[C]** no  **/**

**[F]** He's doin' the dishes **[F7]** and moppin' up that **[A7]** floor, yes, he **[A7]** is

Well, he **[Bb]** used to go out drinkin' **[Bdim]** lookin' for a fight

Now he **[F]** gotta see that sweet woman **[D7]** every night

**[G]** Big Bad Bill is **[C]** Sweet William **/** **[F]** now **[Dm]** **/** **[G]** ah **[C]** play it boys **/**

**INSTRUMENTAL:**

**[F]** Big Bad Bill is **[C]** Sweet William **/** **[F]** now **[Dm] / [G][C] /**

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**[F]** Big Bad Bill don't **[C]** fight any-**/[F]**more **[Dm]** **/** **[G]** no he **[C]** don’t **/**

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Well, he **[Bb]** used to go out drinkin' **[Bdim]** lookin' for a fight

Now he **[F]** gotta see that sweet woman **[D7]** every night

**[G]** Big Bad Bill is **[C]** Sweet William **[F]** now, doin’ the **[D7]** dishes

**[G]** Big Bad Bill is **[C]** Sweet William **[F]** now, moppin’ up that **[D7]** floor

**[G]** Big Bad Bill is **[C]↓** Sweet William **/** **[F]** now **[F7]** **/**

**[Bb][Bbm]** **/** **[C]** **/** **[F]↓** Cha…..yeah!

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