

Cape Fear River

American Aquarium

Well I was born in the valley of the Cape Fear River
'Bout a thirty-minute drive to the south of Virginia
A north star of this great state
At least that's what the sign said

In a town where you either had or you didn't
My daddy worked a seven-to-five just to give me
A fighting chance to make it out
And not end up like him

Well I ain't the man
Half the man my Daddy was
Half the man he wanted me to be

So I packed up, cashed my chips and pointed that car east
No idea where I was going, anywhere but here'd worked for me
Somehow I still think I made him proud
Just by getting out

You either get locked up or you join the corps
You work the grill at Pete's Burgers and more
You buy a map and pick a spot
Drive as fast as you can

'Cause fallin' down here's all too real
Broken dreams and tobacco fields
Hollow shells with hardened eyes
That didn't make it out

They're either dropped out or knocked up
That high school girl that they thought they loved
Now their life revolves around
Diapers and DirecTV

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We aren't the men our fathers were
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