I was lookin' for greener pastures
When I left my old Kentucky home
I was chasin' after dreams I thought I'd master
So I left the one that loved me all along
Thinkin' only of myself and doin' better
Didn't care about the grief I left behind
Didn't even make a card or write a letter
So sure I'd be successful in no time
Now I'm heading for bluer pastures
And back to the one who's heart I broke
To the bluegrass state of Kentucky
Where he waits with open for me I hope

Ain't it funny how you are when you're younger?

How what you have is never good enough

How the years will find you searchin' through your plunder

Lookin' for the treasures you gave up

Well the seasons came, they went

The dreams all shattered

While the grass just stayed a lonely shade of brown

Then I realized I'd lost all that had mattered

So with foolish pride aside, I'm homeward bound

Now I'm heading for bluer pastures
And back to the one who's heart I broke
To the bluegrass state of ole Kentucky
Where he waits with open for me I hope
Now I'm heading for bluer pastures
Where the bluegrass waves sweetly in the wind
Where the bluegrass music's always playin'
To the haunting sound of Monroe's mandolin
I'm heading for bluer pastures