One...two...three...four The last time I saw her she was waving me goodbye She swore no other boy would take my place I took a Mississippi Queen through New Orleans and down the Bayou I hoped to find my destiny, my fortune and my face Please tell her that I said hello Explain to her I didn't want to go But a message from her daddy said He's gonna see me dead And if I can get out now, she'll never know She'll never know, never know I stayed around, I played around with all those Southern belles But they took away my money and my pride I had no place to go--and the rest you know darn well Living out the guttar ain't so easy to describe But I still had my guitar, so I joined a dirty band Working in a smoky downtown bar When comes along this big wheel with a contract in his hand Said, 'put your mark along here boy I'm gonna make you a Rock 'n' Roll star' Please tell her that I said hello Explain to her I didn't want to go But a message from her daddy said He's gonna see me dead And if I can get out now, she'll never know Never know, never know Well the years have come and gone And I was passing through to find That my home town was still the same to see Well, the memory I had of her had crumbled from my mind I really didn't think she'd still be waiting here for Please tell her that I said hello Explain to her I didn't want to go But a message from her daddy said He's gonna see me dead And if I can get out now, she'll never know She'll never know, never know If I can get out now, she'll never know Never know, never know Never know, never know Never know