In the lonely shack by the railroad track I spent my younger days And I guess the sound of the outward bound Made me a slave to my wanderin' ways.

And the wayward wind is a restless wind A restless wind that yearns to wander And I was born the next of kin The next of kin to the wayward wind.

Oh, I met him down in the border town He vowed we'd never part Though he tried his best to settle down Now I'm all alone with a broken heart.

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