

Hammer Down

Billy Dean

I was fram'in' houses in Houston one August afternoon
When the foreman's wife pulled up in her Lincoln and she said I
been looking for you
The old man went home early do you wanna take a ride to town
I said I guess it couldn't do no harm and I threw my hammer dow
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We were shootin' straight tequila when the foreman came stormin'
' in
He said honey now didn't I warn you what I'd do if I caught you
again
She pulled out her little pistol she fired and he hit the groun
d
She grabbed my arm we jumped into that Lincoln and I put that h
ammer down
Hammer down hammer down don't look back it's too late now
Ain't nothin' you can do about it anyhow
Just put that hammer put that hammer down

Well I heard the sirens moanin' just east of New Orleans
She cried out to the trooper thank God you rescued me
When they dragged me into the courtroom I knew where I was boun
d
That old judge threw the book at me then he threw his hammer do
wn
Hammer down hammer down don't look back it's too late now
Ain't nothin' you can do about it anyhow
Just throw that hammer throw that hammer down
On a chain gang out of Houston one August afternoon
I see that same old Lincoln and at the wheel there's a brand ne
w fool
Then the warden taps my shoulder says son quit your foolin' aro
und
In ninety-nine years you can lay that hammer down
Oh hammer down hammer down don't look back it's too late now
Ain't nothin' you can do about it anyhow
Throw that hammer throw that hammer down
Just swing that hammer swing that hammer down swing that hammer
down