I was raised off of Rural Route 3 Out past where the blacktop ends We'd walk to church on Sunday morning Race barefoot back to Johnson's fence

That's where I first saw Mary
On that roadside picking blackberries
That summer I turned a corner in my soul
Down that red dirt road

It's where I drank my first beer
It's where I found Jesus
Where I wrecked my first car,
I tore it all to pieces
I learned the path to heaven
Is full of sinners and believers
Learned that happiness on earth
Ain't just for high achievers
I've learned,
I've come to know
There's life at both ends
Of that red dirt road

Her daddy didn't like me much
In my shackled up GTO
I'd sneak out in the middle of the night
Throw rocks at her bedroom window

We'd turn out the headlights
Drive by the moonlight
Talk about what the future might hold
Down that red dirt road

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I went out into the world

And I came back in
I lost Mary,
Oh I got her back again

And driving home tonight,
Feels like I've found a long lost friend

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