Fire one up and you toss one down
Everybody knows you been downtown
Been downtown late last night
Busted your head in a barroom fight
Fightin' with your brother fightin' with your wife
Seems you been fightin' every day of your life
Can't stand still, still can't run
You put it all together but it came undone

Your soul is junk, your brain is dust
All your memories are eaten up with rust
Your nightmares real, dreams too stark
You love the night but you hate the dark
Your mother your daddy little sister too
Told you a secret they were countin' on you
You were dying to tell but your dad said son
Button your lip but it come undone

So they turned you out when you turned them in They told you don't come back again

Now the years stack up like old beer cans

Dead end jobs payment plans

Broke down trucks welfare checks

Child support and back-seat sex

You'd kill yourself but you hocked your gun

You built a noose but it come undone

So you're livin' in a shack bu you wanna be rich And you would if it wasn't for the sonovabitch The sonovabitch the dirty old whore The butcher the baker the grocery store You hate them they hate you What in the world are you gonna do It ain't your fault but they need someone To blame it on when they come undone

Now the storm's comin' in the sky's turned black It's too late now you can't turn back Lightnin' strikes on the telephone wire You're drunk as a skunk your shack's on fire The wife took the baby and the other two kids The dogs are a-howlin' and the chickens are dead It's your last night out and you're gonna have fun They'll read it in the papers when you come undone