Family Album

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On Sunday after church there'd always be a picnic There'd be kinfolks callin' until dawn
Me I'd play the guitar and my Uncle Merle would sing
And grandpa he'd play that fiddle all night long

Now the women folk they would work out in the kitchen You could smell that food for miles and miles around, Paw He was prayin' my brother Jack would bring him down some moonshine Just so's that he could wash those viddle down

As soon as all the kids got tired of playin' horseshoes Mama she'd call me over to her side You know she'd say I'd like to take some pictures You could see her face light up with pride

And then she'd bring out that worn out family album
Its faded pictures some with corners torn
She'd laugh and point and tell me funny stories
And look she'd say why that's the day that you were born

And I'd sit and reminisce each picture with her And I'd listen to her laughter and her sighs But underneath I knew how much I'd hurt her For I'd put teardrops in my mama's eyes

In my mama's eyes, I've never done a wrong thing
I was still a baby in my mama's eyes
That old family album she'll keep on her night stand
Right next to the Bible until the day she dies

Through all those years in prison she stuck by me And she came to visit anytime she could Well I remember at my trial when she testified she loved me And she told the judge, I'd always been so good

Then later through the fame she watched me blossom From just a local country singer to a great big star She listened to all my records for the hidden meanings And she came to hear me sing in all those dim lit bars

And she read all the things they wrote about me But she knew deep in her heart that it was lies No she don't hide her head in shame when someone says my name You'll find no teardrops in my mama's eyes

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