As I drive
From your pearly gates
I realize that I just can't stay
All those mountains
They kept you locked inside
And hid the truth
From my slighted eyes

I came to you with a half-open heart
Dreams upon my back
Illusions of a brand new start
Nashville
Can't I carry the load
Is it my fault that
I can't reap what I sow
Nashville
Did you give me half a chance
With your southern style
And your hidden dance away
You dance away
And you dance away

All these voices
They whisper through my walls
They talk of falling fast
They say I'm losing it all
They say I'm running blind
To love of my own
But I'll be walking proud
I'm saving what I still own

I fell on my knees to kiss your land
But you are so far down
And I can't even see to stand
In nashville
You forgot the human race
You see with half a mind
What colors hide the face
Nashville
I'd like to know your fate
I'd like to stay a while
But I've seen your lowered states today
I've seen 'em today
Honey I swear I've seen 'em today

Now I'm leaving
I've got all these debts to pay
You know we all have our dues
I'll pay 'em some other place
Ah I never ask that you pay me back
We all arrive with more
I left with less than I had

Your town is made for people passing through A last chance for a cause I thought I knew
But nashville

You tell me what you are gonna do With all your southern style It'll never pull you through Nashville I can't place no blame But if you forget my face I'll never call your name again No never again No never again

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