

Tattoo of Santa

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He was a rebel
And an outlaw
And an outcast
But I never saw him do nobody harm

The rumor was he'd spent some time in prison
He told me he'd been working on a farm
But he always had us kids around for Christmas
And he'd always find a present for us all

And he'd always give us rides on the back of his Harley
Weren't for him, there'd be no Christmas time at all

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and bits of other bikes out in his yard
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and a big tattoo of Santa on his heart

he was regarded pretty much as a loner
and we all wondered if he'd family of his own
but I don't remember seeing any photos
at Christmas when he'd open up his home

he had this funny little pot plant in the corner
that he'd dress up just like a Christmas tree
and the laughter from us kids
at the silly things he did
like them tiny bits of tinsel in his beard

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Looking back I often wonder where he'd be now
or even if he's still around at all
and if he still takes in kids
but wherever he is,
it's coz of him I still believe in Santa Claus

And today I took my own kid to meet Santa
and after all these years he hasn't changed at all
except his hair's a little whiter
and he's put on a bit more middle
Oh, but the laughter of them kids just said it all

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