

There was a girl from Tennessee  
Brought the fires of Hell on me  
She brought a long line of hurt and a world of trouble  
Every door became one more wall  
Goddamn, you know I gave it my all  
Oh, I tried and I tried, but couldn't stop lovin' her

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Let it rust outside like a broke-down Chevrolet  
Some people keep it inside  
Goin' out of their mind like they're high on cocaine  
Oh, I wish it wouldn't just go  
Throwin' it around like it's fool's gold  
Oh, there ain't no slowin' me down  
I wear mine on my sleeve  
Sleeve

She drove me out of state and out of mind  
And I searched for her on those West Coast nights  
In every little smile and stranger passin' through  
I still see her now and then in my dreams  
It's like she's still callin' out to me  
But I know that she's far gone, oh, oh

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I was as blue as those cop car lights  
Innocent in that cell that night  
She broke me down to pieces  
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I'm still pickin' up the pieces  
But at least it's still beatin'

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