My boss'll tell you that I've been to work all week on time And I ain't had no liquor on my breath
It ain't no kind of secret, I've been known to take a drink And it's made me do some things that I regret

Loretta said, ''This ain't no kind of way to raise a family''
And one night she called it quits and called a cab
She left clothes out on the clothes line and the dishes in the sink

So I guess she knows that she ain't coming back

But, I just wanna see my kids, I just wanna hold my girls Heaven knows I ain't got much an' nothin' else in this whole wo rld

I just wanna be around enough to know that they've been loved I just wanna be the daddy, my daddy never was

Now lately she's been knowin' this ol' boy she met in church And I can't say, she's wrong for wantin' more I gave him the right to tell my wife that I can't come around The night I knocked a hole in her front door

And Loretta took my keys and she made me wait outside But she didn't call the law, she called a cab And as I pulled away I saw somethin' in her eyes So I reckon that she knows I ain't so bad

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