

# Almost

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Slipped out of town without a handshake or goodbye  
Just this old guitar, I had stars in my eyes  
I was playing bars and I was getting girls  
I wasn't living right but I was staying high every night  
Underneath the glow of a neon light  
One morning I woke up, bottles as far as I could see  
When I closed my eyes and I drifted back to sleep, I saw

The way Mama looked at me, even though I know I had to be hell to raise  
'Cause man I raised some hell  
Heard Daddy say "son get your lazy ass up  
'Cause there ain't no sense in sleeping all day"  
I thought about the folks back home and how they care about me so  
It makes me wanna set this bottle down, almost

Through the haze of a smoky old saloon  
I saw a girl cuttin' me a grin from across the room  
And I swear she had wings  
She loved to hear me play guitar and I loved to watch her dance and I  
loved to hear her sing  
One night she laid down the law, told me that I had to make a choice  
When I closed my eyes and I listened to her voice I saw

The first time we held hands  
I saw the first time that we danced  
I saw that one night on the creek  
And that night you snuck out of your dorm  
And met me down on Mountain Street  
Thought about that Summer we spent down on the coast  
Made me wanna set this bottle down, almost

One last time I found myself down and out  
I was just outside of Birmingham, in some no-name town  
I couldn't recall the night before, when I drank myself to sleep  
So I threw on this old ball cap, and stumbled out into the street  
Too many nights of the same old same  
I got lost in this damn crowd  
But when I packed up this old guitar case I took one last look around  
, and I saw

That old barn, where I kept my first truck  
And I walked my bird dog Bo past the pond where we killed our first duck  
I saw Grandpa's garden, I can still see them pretty vines  
But it's been some time, since they've held of muscadine  
Thought about how Grandma's house still smells the same  
Even though it's been a few years now, since I've seen her face  
So I raised my glass up for one last toast  
I finally set this bottle down, almost