If you ain't hard, they won't listen

If you ain't tough then they will never understand
'Cause they're strong like wild horses

They're crazy as the wind

'Cause they don't know what's coming
And they rarely choose the way that you had planned
So you watch'em learn from falling
And help'em up if you can

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Doing the best we can
Helping them find their way
It takes more than years to make a man
Raising a rookie
All I can do is light the road
I know it's a heavy load, sometimes
God knows I'm tryin'

You see what makes them special You'd do everything and anything it takes Just to know that they would make it Through the trials and the heartaches

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And they teach you to be humble While the time and the worry line your face And you learn how to hold your breath How a desperate heart can pray

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