Lucille

In a bar in Toledo across from the depot On a barstool she took off her ring I thought I'd get closer so I walked on over I sat down and asked her name When the drinks finally hit her, she said, "I'm no quitter But I finally quit livin' on dreams

I'm hungry for laughter and here ever after I'm after whatever the other life brings"

In the mirror, I saw him and I closely watched him

I thought how he looked out of place He came to the woman who sat there beside me

He had a strange look on his face

The big hands were calloused, he looked like a mountain

For a minute I thought I was dead But he started shaking, his big heart was breaking

He turned to the woman and said

"You picked a fine time to leave me, Lucille With four hungry children and a crop in the field

I've had some bad times, lived through some sad times

But this time your hurtin' won't heal You picked a fine time to leave me, Lucille"

After he left us, I ordered more whiskey I thought how she'd made him look small From the lights of the barroom to a rented hotel room

We walked without talkin' at all

She was a beauty, but when she came to me She must have thought I'd lost my mind I couldn't hold her 'cause the words that he told her

Kept comin' back time after time

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