

# Ballad of Hollis Brown

Bob Dylan

Hollis Brown  
He lived on the outside of town  
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With his wife and five children  
And his cabin broken down He looked for work and money  
And he walked a rugged mile  
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And he walked a rugged mile  
Your children are so hungry  
That they don't know how to smile Your babys eyes look crazy  
They're a-tuggin at your sleeve  
Your babys eyes look crazy  
They're a-tuggin at your sleeve  
You walk the floor and wonder why  
With every breath you breathe The rats have got your flour  
Bad blood it got your mare  
The rats have got your flour  
Bad blood it got your mare  
If theres anyone that knows  
Is there anyone that cares? He prayed to the Lord above  
Oh please send you a friend  
He prayed to the Lord above  
Oh please send you a friend  
Your empty pockets tell you  
That you ain't a-got no friend Your babies are crying louder now  
Its a pounding on your brain  
Your babies are crying louder now  
Its a pounding on your brain  
Your wifes screams are stabbin' you  
Like the dirty drivin' rain Your grass it is turning black  
Theres no water in your well  
Your grass is turning black  
Theres no water in your well  
You spent your last alone Dollar  
On seven shotgun shells Way out in the wilderness  
A cold coyote calls  
Way out in the wilderness  
A cold coyote calls

Your eyes fix on the shotgun  
Thats hangin' on the wall Your brain is a-bleedin'  
And your legs can't seem to stand  
Your brain is a-bleedin'  
And your legs can't seem to stand  
Your eyes fix on the shotgun  
That you're holdin' in your hand Theres seven breezes a-blowin  
All around the cabin door  
Theres seven breezes a-blowin  
All around the cabin door  
Seven shots ring out  
Like the oceans pounding roar Theres seven people dead  
On a south Dakota farm  
Well theres seven people dead  
On a south Dakota farm  
Somewheres in the distance  
Theres seven new people born

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