Lawrence, KS

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Dirt roads and dryland farming might be the death of me

But I can't leave this world behind

My debts are not like prisons where there's hope of getting free

And I can't leave this world behindI've been from here to Lawrence, Kansas

Trying to leave my state of mind

Trying to leave this awful sadness

But I can't leave this world behindSouth of Delia there's a patch out back by the willow trees

And I can't leave this world behind

It's a fenced-in piece of nothin' where I hear voices on my knees

And I can't leave this world behindSome prophecies are self-fulfilling

I've had to work for all of mine

Better times will come to me, God-willing

Cause I can't leave this world behindThis world must be frightening, everybody's on the run

And I can't leave this world behind

My house is a wooden one and it's built on a wooden one

Seems I can't leave this world behindPreacher says that when the master calls us

He's gonna give us wings to fly

My wings are made of hay and corn husks

So I can't leave this world behind

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