

# Lament For Lester Cousins

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Lester Cousins left his brothers on a work truck filled with others  
Cuz his fatherd left his mother years ago  
And Lesters mother took in lovers to feed and clothe his younger brothers  
So at thirteen years our Lester chose to go  
Men introduced him to hard labour, moving earth and stacking hay  
Were all the options that were open to the boy  
And the same men showed our Lester Lady Lucks appeal and blessed her  
With a trusting young disciple to enjoy  
With the gamblin came the drinkin and the cocaine and the sinkin  
That accompanies a man whos falling down  
And pretty soon the fightin and the whoring every night  
And pills and losing left his spirit on the ground  
Well there comes a time when even hardened men need to  
believe in  
Something more and look within and be afraid  
When a particularly rough night took his friend in one more knife fight  
For the first time in his hard life Lester prayed  
Lester now, Lester now, keep it together, we all want to see you  
succeed  
Lester now, Lester now, hold it together, cuz your goodness is what the world needs  
Lester now, Lester now, keep it together and dont lose that spirit of yours  
And for the sake of us all, Lester, try not to fall with the weight of the world at your door  
And for the sake of us all, Lester, try not to fall with the fate of the world on the floor  
And for the sake of us all, Lester, try not to fall with the hate of the world as your whore  
Well God led Lester to  
a lady who was finally worth the wait  
He bought a ring and changed his ways and settled down  
And he farmed his forty acres, raised a daughter, loved his Maker  
Loved his wife and earned respect all through the town  
Hard at work and clean and sober fifteen years come this  
October  
All the vices of his past had disappeared  
Very little did he know then that the young, out of control men  
That his motherd learned to dread would reappear  
Well his life and home were shattered and his wife and  
daughter battered  
When the kind he knew so well came back around  
An incontainable aggression induced Lester to regress and  
Coldly murder those whod raped the love hed found  
It didnt take them long to find him or convict him or  
confine him  
To a cell block full of wounded prisoner doom  
Because despite his mothers will, her Lester Cousins was a killer now  
Whod never live to leave the jailers tomb

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