Case 795 (The Family)

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Tony Jones stabbed Alice Jones
On their first anniversary down in Dallas, Texas
In a small apartment with nobody present
He pulled out a knife and he stuck it to herHe left her bleeding on the floor in the kitchen
With cake on her fingers and her wedding ring holding
In her hand was a note that said the wicked must suffer
And he drove off quickly to his girlfriend's apartmentBut who really suffers in the end?
It's easy enough for us to pretend thatEverything's all right with the family
Everything is safe here at home
Everything's all right with the family
The beds are made but there's no sheets onFrom the courtroom stand Tony, said he was sorry
That he was sad and mixed up and he didn't know what he was doing
That he'd always loved Alice and he begged for forgiveness
So he threw himself on the mercy of the juryAnd he told how his father had beat and abused him
Back in grade school in the basement den
And that maybe prison was the best thing for him
And he said, "Oh God, can You forgive me?" YeahBut who really suffers in the end?
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The beds are made but there's no sheets onHow many days does it take to make us weak?
And how many hours do people spend lonely?
In the heart of the heart, the family lay dying
The ruin of a nation lies at our feet, yeahEverything's all right with the family
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