Town Drunk

Love And Theft

She used to come over to my house

She only lived a few miles away

I never knew why, but my Momma said

If she wanted to she could stay

A pretty little girl, who fought like a boy

But she wanted to hold my hand

In the little blue dress that she always wore

Yeah, I might've been her only friendI remember that summer, like yesterday

She used to hang around all the time

Down by the creak, we would always play

And tell secrets by the porch light

Shy as a bird, and timid as a flower

I wondered where she grew up

I never really thought that much about it,

But everybody said her Daddy was the town drunkBroken like a bottle, running from the only home

She ever had

Tangled in the talk behind her back

Yeah, he thought she was nothin'

Growing like a weed on the wrong side of the tracks

How could anyone not love a girl like that One afternoon, in the middle of town

I saw her Daddy sleepin' on a bench

So I walked up, and introduced myself

And said his daughter was my best friend

He looked at me like he didn't care

And he asked me for a couple of bucks

Right then I decided, I'd look after

That pretty little girl

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That her Daddy had passed away
I was holding her hand, she had the baby in the other
There was really nothin' I could say
She looked at me, and I gave her a kiss
All that mattered was the three of us
Nobody thought it would all work out
For that pretty little girl
Who's Daddy was the town drunk

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