

Stagger Mountain Tragedy

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I was born on Stagger Mountain in the sunshine and the snow
And leavin' was the first mistake I made
But I hungered for the shadows in the valley down below
And the girl that danced the tune the devil played
Her smile was like the blindin' light of sunshine on the snow
And the flashin' of her hair was black as sin
And her body set the smokes of hell a-boilin' in my skull
When the fiddle of the devil made her spin
Morning sunshine
(Sunshine)
High on the mountain
Where the air is pure and cold
But there's darkness in the shadows
In the canyons of my soul
The lantern cast a shadow like a demon on the wall
And the naked sweat was breathin' on her skin
Then the room was spinning closer as her clothes began to fall
And the eagle started screamin' in my brain
Then I saw the laughin' dagger and I heard the devil scream
And her bleeding heart was beating in my hand
Then the darkness blew away and I was standin' by a tree
With a hanging rope a-danglin' from a limb
Morning sunshine
(Sunshine)
High on the mountain
Where the air is pure and cold
But there's darkness in the shadows
In the canyons of my soul

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