

Now I Lay Me Down to Cheat

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On the woman, I love so
And if I die between these sheets
I pray to God, she'll never know
She's the best thing in his life
Why she worships the ground that he walks on
She waits up for him at night and worries
Until he's safely home
And she always believes
His stories about workin' overtime
And in 20 years beside him
Cheatin's never crossed her mind
Aw but it crossed his, early last summer
In a person of a neighbor that she still calls her friend
And with a little push from drinkin' one too many
One night in the fall he gave in
And now he wishes he could stop himself
But there's no easy way
So he lays down with his lover
And silently he prays
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In his heart and soul
He knew that he was playing a game, he could never win
But ya know, forbidden fruit is sweet
Why it was sweet enough to make him risk it all again
And now he's givin' up on lookin' for a way
To fight the feeling
So he prays this simple prayer
And hope it makes it past the hotel ceiling
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