

# The Ballad Of Hollis Brown

## Nazareth

Hollis Brown, he lived on the outside of town  
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With his wife and five children in his cabin, broken down  
He looked for work and money and he walked a  
ragged mile  
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Your children are so hungry that they don't know how to smile  
Your baby's eyes look crazy and they're tuggin'  
at your sleeve  
Your baby's eyes look crazy, now, they're tuggin' at your sleeve  
You walk the floor and you wonder why  
With every breath that you breathe  
The rats, they've got your flour, bad blood, it got your mare  
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Is there anyone that knows? Is there anyone that cares?  
You prayed to the Lord above to please, send you a friend  
You prayed to the Lord above to please, send you a friend  
Your empty pockets tell you that you ain't got no friend  
Your baby's a cryin' louder now, it's poundin' on your  
brain  
Your baby's cryin' louder now, it's poundin' on your brain  
Your wife's screams are a stabbin' you, like dirty, drivin' rain  
Your grass is turning black and there's no water in  
your well  
Your grass is turning black, there's no water in your well  
You spent your last, lone dollar on them seven, shotgun shells  
Way out in the wilderness, a cold coyote calls  
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Your eyes fix on your shotgun that's hangin' on the wall  
Your brain, it is a bleedin' and your legs can't seem to  
stand  
Your brain, it is a bleedin' and your legs just can't seem to stand  
Your eyes fix on the shotgun that you're holdin' in your hand  
There's seven breezes blowin' all around the cabin  
door  
Seven breezes blowin' all around the cabin door  
Seven shots ring out like the ocean's pounding roar  
There's seven people dead on a South Dakota farm  
Seven people dead on a South Dakota farm  
Somewhere in the distance, there's seven, new people born

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