Ball and Chain (Honky Tonk)

Mike Ness

Well it's been ten years and a thousand tears

And look at the mess I'm in

A broken nose and a broken heart

An empty bottle of ginWell, I sit and I pray

In my '54 Chevrolet

Well, I'm singin' to myself

There's got to be another way Take away, take away

Take away this ball and chain

I'm lonely and I'm tired

And I can't take any more painTake away, take away

Never to return again

Take away, take away

Take away this ball and chainWell, I've searched and I've searched

To find the perfect life

A brand new car and a brand new suit

I even got me a little wifeBut wherever I have gone

I was sure to find myself there

You can run all your life

But not go anywhereTake away, take away

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Take away this ball and chainWell, I'll pass the bar on the way

To my dingy hotel room

I spent all my money

I've been drinkin' with the drag queens all afternoonI'll wake there in the mornin'

Or maybe in the county jail

Times are hard getting harder

I'm born to lose and destined to failTake away, take away

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