

# The Blizzard

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Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

Colorado, Colorado  
When the world leaves you shivering  
And the blizzard blowsWhen the snow flies and the night falls  
There's a light in the window  
And a place called home at the end of the stormOne night on the mountain, I was headed for Estes  
When the roads turned to ice and it started to snow  
Put on the chains in a whirl of white powder  
Half way up to Berthoud, near a diner I knowAnd the light burned inside, shining down through the snowfall  
God, it was cold and the temperature droppin'  
Went in for coffee and shivered as I drank it  
Warm in my hands in the steam as it roseSitting there at the counter was a dark headed stranger  
Me and the owner and him, keepin' warm  
Nodded, Hello and I said, It's a cold one  
Looks like there might be a blizzard tonightAnd "Yes", said the owner", there's a big storm on the mountain  
Good thing, we're open, we could be here for hours  
There's nothing for miles and it's too late to get to Denver  
Better not try for the summit tonight" And the snow fell  
And the night passed  
And I talked to the strangers  
While the blizzard blewMe and the stranger, you know I don't talk to strangers  
I'm a private sort of person but a blizzard is a blizzard  
And somehow I found myself saying you'd left me  
Tellin' him everything I wanted to say to youYou know how it is when you can talk to a stranger  
Someone you're quite sure you'll never see again  
Soon we were talkin' and laughin' and drinkin'  
He said, "You must know, you're too good for him" And the snow fell  
And the night passed  
And I talked to the stranger  
While the blizzard blewThe stranger said, "Love, it can cry you a river  
Me, I'm a loner 'cause I can't take the heartache  
Sometimes I'm a fighter, when I get too much whiskey  
Here have a whiskey, pretend you don't give a damnMy cabin's up here on the side of the mountain

You can go up there and sleep through the blizzard"

I put on my parka, said goodbye to the owner

Followed the stranger through the snow up the mountainsideWoke in the morning to the sun on the snow

My car was buried in six feet of snow drift

They dug me out, just the owner and the stranger

Sent me on my way when the snowplow had been byAnd the roads were all clear, the sun on the mountains

Sparkled like diamonds on the peak to peak highway

Then I knew that I would get over you, knew you could leave me

But you'd never break meColorado, Colorado

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And the blizzard blowsWhen the snow flies and the night falls

There's a light in the window and a place called home

At the end of the storm

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