

Cottonseed

Drive-By Truckers

I came to tell my story to all these young and eager minds
Look in their unspoiled faces and their curious bright eyes
Stories of corruption, crime and killing, yes, it's true
Greed and fixed elections, guns and drugs and whores and booze
It's been a while since I put on a suit of my
own clothes
And even longer since I cast my shadow on a church house door
They say every sin is deadly but I believe they may be wrong
I'm guilty of all seven, I don't feel too bad at all
An' I used to have a wad of hundred dollar bills in the back
pocket of my suit
I had a .45 underneath my coat and another one in my boot
I drove a big ole Cadillac, bought a new one anytime I pleased
And I put more lawmen in the ground than Alabama put cottonseed
I spent a few years on vacation, sanctioned
by the state I mentioned
But see a man like me don't do no time too hard to come back from
The meanest of the mean, you see you lock away and toss the key
But they're just loud mouth punks to me, I've scraped meaner off my shoe
Somewhere I ain't saying, there's a
hole that holds a judge
The last one that I dug myself
And I must admit I was sad to lay him in it but I did the best I could
Once his honor grows a conscience, well folks, that there just ain't no good
And there's a pretty girl out there
said, "Daddy, you stay cool tonight
All I need from you is to come home and be here by my side
Say what you gotta say to shut their Bibles and their mouths
If there was to tie a noose, they'd have to lay their Bibles down"
I ain't here to save no souls and even if I could
I could never save enough to put back half the ones I took
So if they rest in torment, you can't say it's cause of me
They'd long been bought and paid for like that fool's in Tennessee
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