

## Billy and Bonnie

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Billy was 17 and mean as hell  
Bonnie said she was 30, it was hard to tell  
Billy met Bonnie on a Saturday night  
At the dirt track races, it was love at first sight  
Bonnie was wilder than the west wind blows  
Taught Billy every single thing he knows  
But she never told Billy what she left out  
The part about the trouble when your times runs out

When the thrill is gone, when your deal goes south  
It's all over when your time runs out

Bonnie said, "Billy, don't you think it's time  
We moved on a little further down the line"  
So they knocked off a Texaco south of town  
Blew down the highway with the ragtop down  
Billy woke Bonnie up about first light  
Said, "You drive honey, I've been up all night"  
Now Billy wasn't sweatin' no APB  
'Cause they didn't leave a single soul alive to see

The boy was just 16, made his mama proud  
That don't mean nothin' when your time runs out

Bonnie kept pushin' that Cadillac  
Billy passed out with the seat reared back  
Slept through Louisiana, then just past dark  
Bonnie pulled over in a roadside park  
Left Billy sleeping and she called the cops  
He never knew nothin' when the dime was dropped  
Bonnie knew what she had to do  
She called the sheriff and she cried on cue

And the state police roused Billy out  
He was dreaming about Bonnie when his time ran out

The sheriff told Billy, "Boy, you're bound to die  
'Cause this young lady's gonna testify  
That you done took her off against her will  
And she told us about the robbery and the boy you killed"  
The judge said, "Billy, what you got to say  
Before I have the sheriff carry you away"  
Billy looked Bonnie right in the eye  
But he didn't even have to ask her why  
But he turned around as they led him out

He said, "I'll see you down in hell when your time runs out"