## **Backside Of Thirty**

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Making money at thirty with a wife and a son Then a short five years later it all comes undone She's gone back to mama with the boy by her side Now I'm wine drunk and running with them on my mind

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It's dawn Monday morning and I just called in sick I skipped work last Friday to drink this much red And when my friends ask me, Lord, I'll tell them I'm fine But my eyes tell a story that my lies can't hide

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We knew we had problem with no chance to win Pretended we'd make it, does she have the kid? And he made life better for two years or more But now weekends between us, will be his reward

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