

## Dry County Blues

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one traffic light in front of the high school  
kids in the parking lot fixing to lie to  
an old worn-out deputy, don't even carry a gun

there's a car full of pillbillies looking to score  
from one of them trailer court front porch drug stores  
and a tired coal miner on a long West Virginia beer run

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at the head of the holler there's a makeshift casino  
with a rusty pool table and blackjack and bingo  
ain't nothing illegal as long as the sheriff gets paid

there's good Christian women locking their front doors  
praying their daughters don't turn into meth whores  
while their sons are out drinkin' and drivin' and trying to get  
laid

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nowhere to go, not a damn thing to do  
so you turn a blind eye, and barely get by  
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