This is a mean ole' world
Baby, to live in all by yourself
I said a mean, mean, mean ole' world
To live in all by yourself
When you can't get the woman you're loving
Because she's loving somebody else

I smile to keep from worrying
And I laugh just to keep from crying
Smile to keep from worrying
Laugh just to keep from crying
Trying to keep the public from knowing
Baby, what I've got on my mind

Someday, baby
When the blood runs cold in my veins
Someday, baby
When the blood runs cold in my veins
You won't be able to mistreat me no more then, baby
'Cause my heart won't feel no pain