I was a boy I was a good little boy Wantin in the playground fun They said ah na ney boy you can't play Cause you were born a poor man's son I met a girl she was a pretty little girl Would you be my only one She said meet me where nobody can see Cause you were born a poor man's son I spent all my lifetime Thinking what I coulda done While I worked my fingers to the bone I met a man he was business man I said I'm a hard working son of a gun He said you know the rules You should've stayed in school Cause you were born a poor man's son

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Thinking what I coulda done
While I worked my fingers to the bone
I met a guy he was a crazy guy
He said I'm going to get me some
Let's go across the tracks where
They keep that jack
All we need is a little black gun
They got the hounds and the tracked us down
They said we know what you have done
You're gonna do the time it's gonna fit the crime
You shoulda shot a poor man's son
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