

# Abilene

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(Blue Horn Toad Music, BMI, Administered by Bug Music)

There's a greyhound bus  
Leavin' the great Northwest  
Takin' her tonight  
Back down south to Texas  
She's been dancing' on tables  
To pay rent and be able  
To just get by and maybe stay clean.

Abilene, Abilene  
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Well her daddy'd get drunk  
Then he'd hit her hard  
And her mama'd lie in bed  
High on pills and talkin' to God  
But like her beautiful tattoos  
These old memories she can't lose  
Since she ran away at fifteen.

Abilene, Abilene  
There's a town ahead that you've never seen  
Maybe it's better if you get off there and try to  
Forget everything  
Abilene.

Starin' out the window  
At the long cold night  
Ahead on the horizon  
Is another string of bright lights  
She's dreamin' of a man she's goin' to meet  
In a bar on an Austin street  
Maybe this one won't be so mean.

Abilene, Abilene  
There's a town ahead that you've never seen  
And maybe it's better if you get off there and try to  
Forget everything  
Abilene.

In a Texas bar there's a man sittin' alone  
Thinkin' of a girl he swore he'd wait there for  
But he's drinkin' beers and he's feelin' old  
Rememberin' every lie he's told  
'Til he changes his mind and he leaves.

Abilene, Abilene  
There's a town ahead that you've never seen  
Maybe it's better if you get off there and try to  
Forget everything  
Abilene, Abilene  
Oh Abilene, Abilene.