

Leaving Louisiana in the Broad Daylight

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Mary took to running with a travelin' man
Left her momma crying with her head in her hands
Such a sad case, so broken hearted

She say, 'Momma, got to go, gotta get outta here
Gotta get out of town, tired of hanging around
I gotta roll on between the ditches?

It's just an ordinary story 'bout the way things go
'Round and around nobody knows
But the highway goes on forever
Oh, that ol' highway goes on forever

Lord, she never would've done it if she hadn't got drunk
Hadn't started running with a travelin' man
If she hadn't started taking those crazy changes

She said, 'Daughter, let me tell you 'bout the travelin' kind
Everywhere they go such a very short time
He'll be long gone before you know it
Oh, he'll be long gone before you know it?

She say never have I known it when it felt so good
Never have I knew it when I knew I could
Never have I done it when it looked so right
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This is down in the swampland, anything goes
It's alligator bait and the bars don't close
It's the real thing down in Louisiana

Did you ever see a Cajun when he really got mad
When he really got trouble like a daughter gone bad
It gets real hot down in Louisiana

The stranger better move it or he's gonna get killed
He's gonna have to get it or a shotgun will
It ain't no time for lengthy speeches
Lord, there ain't no time for lengthy speeches

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But the highway goes on forever
There ain't no way to stop the water