

# Go Out And Plough

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There's a little envelope on the table unopened  
He already knows what it says  
He's known it for years  
Still his hands shook with fear  
When he picked it up in town yesterday  
It ain't like it seems  
You can't run a farm on dreams  
Still he thought they might let him carry on  
Carry on 'till the dream is even gone  
And he'd go out and plough  
But the tractor's broken down  
The day is almost spent, anyway  
He pours himself a drink  
Sets on the porch to think  
Whatever are the neighbours going to say  
Drinking don't take the place  
The banker does with an empty face  
He tells you 'bout a job up the road  
Leave the keys in the mailbox when you go  
There's a patch on the north side  
It's early and it's dry  
It's probably the best there is around  
But when they sell it off  
They won't even bring it up  
Hell, who cares anymore about the ground  
Some sour face city kid's lawyer puts in the bid  
For a run down, tax shelter hobby farm  
Who's to blame anybody, anymore  
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It's a good thing she ain't here  
To see the bitter tears  
Spill down his coveralls on to the floor  
It's a good thing she ain't alive  
To see how they've taken his pride  
And turned it like a crop beneath the soil  
God bless this house the kitchen says  
And even when the bills aren't paid  
Be thankful for the things that you have  
Even just the shirts on your backs  
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