Don't Tell Mama

I was headed north on Highway Five On a star-lit Sunday night When a pick-up truck flew by me out of control As I watched in my headlights He swerved left then back right He never hit the brakes As he left the road

I found him lying in the grass Among the steel and glass With an empty whiskey bottle by his side And through the blood and tears He whispered in my ear A few last words just before he died

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I still think about that night And how that young man died And how others sometimes pay for our mistakes The last thing on his mind As he left this world behind Was knowing someone else's heart would break

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