Well, after all these years of running 'round Always flying high and falling down I gotta get back to the way I was Gonna turn it all 'round just because

And everybody's talking about the shape I'm in They say, "Boy, you ain't a poet, just a drunk with a band" All over and over, again and again Lord, they don't know about the places I've been

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I used to have heart but the highway took it
The game was right but the deal was crooked
Lord, I'll make it perfectly clear, it gets hard out here

I guess there must be something I'm missing
My momma told me I should've gone into easy listening
Going with the band 'cause I thought it was cool
Oh good Lord, I should've gone back to school

Oh, pretty darling, it'll be okay You know one of these days I'm gonna take you away She said, "Oh sweet daddy, you're probably right You know we might get lucky but it won't be tonight"

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I know it don't seem it I said I tried but I never did mean it Nobody's listening so we might as well scream it Oh, God, we're all outta beer, it gets hard out here