There's a picture on the table, broken glass on the floor A cigarette in my hand I'm going off to war Images of silhouettes plastered on my brain Bitter taste on my tongue, familiar mixed with pain I'm driving down the highway, shadows in headlights Justice dressed in sheets of gray with trails of black and white

Chorus:

A man can be a diamond a man can be a steal
A man can be a poet and not have the words to feel
Mercy is a preacher held captive under fire
Redemption smells like gasoline and burns like desire

She steps out under cover, turns around and waves
I light up that cigarette and I watch her drive away
Doors can open easy but sometimes they close hard
I left him laying where I found him and I got back in my car
She's already gone to bed by the time that I get home
I make myself some coffee and I sit up alone

(Chorus)

The sunshine in the morning feels like water on my bones I hear her through the walls as she screams into the phone There's a picture on the table, broken glass on the floor A pistol in my gripping hand, I open up the door