Well I was raised on corn bread and gravy

I slept in a cardboard box till I was nearly three

I bathed myself in muddy river runnin' by our shack

By the time that I had reached thirteen I'd been through hell a nd back

And I've been thrown from pillar to post I've been banged aroun d and scarred

I've done so much I've seen so much I've lived so fast and hard Lived so fast and hard

Now mama died when I was young and I never knew my dad I never had the love and care that other children had I spent five years in an orphan's home but I ran off one day And I hoboed on an old freight train to San Francisco Bay I've fought in the war I've been in jail there ain't much I ain 't done

I'd lived as much as any man fore I was twenty one I was twenty one

And I've been thrown from pillar to post...