

## Henry Nearly Killed Me (It's a Shame)

Ray LaMontagne

All my life I been poor boy son  
Scratchin' for my meat  
I have been kicked in my teeth  
Till the blood run hot and sweet

I seen a lot of living my friend  
And this I will repeat  
Just because you knock a man down  
Don't mean that you got him beat

It's a shame, shame, shame  
Baby it's a cryin' shame

Henry nearly killed me,  
'Fore they hauled his ass in jail  
Slapped me right across my face  
With a flour sack full o' nails

Nearly broke my head in two  
With his steel-toed boots  
Shovin' all that money  
Down the laundry chute

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Baby it's a cryin' shame

Well, sweet little Mary Anne  
With her make-up all a mess  
Picks herself up off the floor  
Coughs and straightens her dress

Sayin' please, please daddy, can I  
Have just a little bit more  
I said sorry baby, but I'm headin' out  
Somehow this town don't feel like home anymore

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