

# Carolina Rain

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Rose lived on the south side of town

Until her landlord showed up with two hundred dollar bills  
A notice of eviction on the other hand  
Now she don't live there no more,  
And everyone thinks he drowned,

I pulled into Mecklenburg on them trains  
Into a station that got flooded when they opened up the dam  
And broke their connections to the railway lines  
So they could blast into the quarry,  
And for every load of granite,  
We got a ton of worry

One night at the diner over eggs,  
Over easy she showed me the length of her legs,  
But that gold plated cross on her neck, it was real  
And you don't get that kind of money from pushing meal

I should've told him that you were the one for me,  
But I lied, But I lied,  
To most any drifter whose looking for work is too weird  
I met Percy and I married her in July  
But if only to be closer to you, Caroline

Percy and I moved down the street  
Until we lost two pretty girls  
One was seven and one was three  
Alderman and Caroline owned the house right up the hill  
Where we laid those babies down  
So they could still see our house

Suspicion got the best of old Alderman Haint  
He owned an auto parts store off the interstate  
But the lord took him home in July  
And then Rose spilled the beans on the day that he died

I should've told him that you were the one for me  
But I lied, But I lied  
Tied up to concrete at the bottom of the quarry  
With a tattoo on his heart that spelled out "Caroline"  
He was silent but his rosary  
Drifted into the custody  
Of a sheriff that was just deputized

And I was down at the banquet hall  
When two guys came up, pretty angry and drunk  
And I'm still here at the banquet hall  
At the banquet hall  
Where the gun went off, in the Carolina Rain  
In the Carolina Rain, in the Carolina Rain  
Oh, Caroline