## **Before I Die**

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Before I die I wanna hit the Mississipi In a boat I've yet to buy and take it out in the Gulf Where the water meets the sky To where nothing on God's green earth looks dry

And I wanna see that stadium in New York from a right field sea t Maybe catch a homerun when a new all-star goes deep And pretend that's Maris and Mantle pointing up at me

While I can still breathe While this old heart still has another beat It's time I put some livin' to these dreams

Before I die, I'm gonna learn all about how man swallows pride And find the strength to tell my daddy he was right And tell mama I'm sorry about that night

Before I'm called up I wanna be the kinda man that a woman wants to love And find a side of me that's a different kind of tough Who ain't ashamed to need the man above

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And Lord I know These are things I should have done a long time ago And when I close my eyes I wanna feel at ease And if I left right now I couldn't rest in peace

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