You ran cryin' to the bedroom
I ran off to the bar
Another piece of heaven gone to hell
The words we spoke in anger
Just tore my world apart
And I sat there feelin' sorry for myself
Then an old man sat down beside me
And looked me in the eye
He said, "Son, I know what you're goin' through
You ought to get down on your knees
And thank your lucky stars
That you've got someone to go home to.

You don't know about lonely
Or how long nights can be
Til you've lived through the story
That's still livin' in me
You don't know about sadness
Til you've faced life alone
You don't know about lonely
Til it's chiseled in stone."

So I brought these pretty flowers
Hoping you would understand
Sometimes a man is such a fool
Those golden words of wisdom
From the heart of that old man
Showed me I ain't nothin' without you

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Til you've lived through the story
That old man just told me
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