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"Ordinary Man"

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Clyde woke up real early while Edna was still asleep
Got dressed and had some coffee, then found his set
of keys
He pulled on his levi jacket, he headed for the door
The kitchen smelled like dinner from the night before

A rumbling exhaust pipe woke Edna from her sleep
She stumbled like a drunkard yelling Clyde you wait for
me
But Clyde was going nowhere, just sitting in his truck
Staring with a poker face, like he'd run out of luck

CHORUS:

Cause any fool would've turned and run
Any fool would've walked away
Any fool would've given up
But an ordinary man, he chose to stay

Now Edna, she couldn't say too much, she'd seen that
look before
She kept tapping on Clyde's window, till he opened up
the door
Then she put her arms around him, she never said a
word
And Clyde turned on the radio and neither of them
heard

He said Edna why don't you hop in, I think I'll call in sick
There's three one ways to a dead end street, now you
just take your pick
And she pointed to the ballfield and the park where
they first kissed
And Clyde grinned like he found something that he had
almost missed

CHORUS

They spent that day in freedom, they hung on for many
more
Raised up quite a family, they found what love was for
And the aging never slowed them down, they leaned
on faith, not luck

Still out taking Sunday drives in Clyde's old beat up
truck

You know Edna, she ain't no movie star and Clyde's a
little slow
The shopping mall's replaced the park where they both
used to go
But that's why they've both got each other, so they can
keep their dreams alive
The simple dreams, the common man, still stand the
test of time

CHORUS

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