

## **Billy Joe Shaver**

### **"If I Give My Soul"**

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Verse 1:

Down a dangerous road, I have come to where I'm  
standing  
With a heavy heart, and my hat clutched in my hand  
Such a foolish fool, God ain't known no greater sinner  
I have come in search of Jesus, hoping he will  
understand

Verse 2:

I had a woman once, she was kind and she was gentle  
Had a child by me, who grew up to be a man  
I had a steady job, til I started into drinking  
And I started making music that went with the devil's  
band

Verse 3:

Oh the years flew by like a mighty rush of eagles  
My dreams and plans were all scattered in the wind  
It's a lonesome life, when you lose the ones you live for  
If I make my peace with Jesus will they take me back  
again

Chorus:

If I give my soul, will he cleanse these clothes I'm  
wearin'  
If I give my soul, will he put new boots on my feet  
If I bow my head and beg God for his forgiveness  
Will he breathe new breath inside me and give back my  
dignity

Chorus bis:

If I give my soul, will he stop my hands from shaking  
If I give my soul, will my son love me again  
If I give my soul, and she knows I really mean it  
If I give my soul to Jesus will she take me back again

Chorus bis.

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