

## **Billy Joe Shaver**

# **"Kneeling Drunkard's Plea"**

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Lord have mercy on me  
Was the kneeling drunkard's plea  
And as he knelt there on the ground  
I know that God in Heaven looked down

I went down by an old country church  
I saw the drunkard stagger and lurch  
And as he reached his mother's grave  
I saw that drunkard kneel and pray

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And as he knelt there on the ground  
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Bring my darling boy to me  
Was his mother's dying plea  
And as he staggered through the gate  
A lassie came just one day too late

Three years have passed since she went away  
Her son is sleeping beside her today  
And I know in Heaven his mother he'll see  
For God has heard that drunkard's plea

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