

## Fall "Pinball Machine"

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[], I drove a big truck  
Shot the pinball machine, but it brought me bad luck.  
If oceans was whiskey and I was a duck  
I'd dive into in and never come up.  
I wish they'd outlaw them old pinball machines  
For weeks they have caused me to live on sardines.  
Last time I called my wife on the phone,  
The first thing she said was "John, can you come  
home?  
I got a lot of [lodgers] and they've got to go."  
I said "I'll see you when I get back from the depot."  
She said "John, you know I love you, I wish you wouldn't  
go  
Send your babies some money. They're hungry and  
cold."  
The last thing she said, and then she hung up, was  
"John you gave up my loving to drive an old truck."  
I made my trip up to the depot  
I was gone two months cause I shut up my door (?)  
When I got home my family was gone  
The best friend I had was on my telephone.  
He said "John, I guess you wonder 'bout your babies  
and wife...  
Pneumonia got your babies and your wife took her life."  
I've lost all my friends, can't sleep for bad dreams  
About a battered old truck and a pinball machine.  
I never will forget the last words that old man said:  
"Oh Lord, if I could live my life over,"  
And then he fell dead, the victim of an old truck.  
He was a clean-cut young man, eight- or nineteen,  
But now he's in his grave,  
The victim of an old truck  
And a pinball machine.

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