

## Hal Ketchum "I Miss My Mary"

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A threadbare alibi, a lifetime full of promise  
Fell from my Mary's eyes as she saw the screen door  
swing  
The baby never woke, he lay cradled in her trembling  
He lay safe and never knowing what my leavin' would  
bring

I draw my pay down on the docks, I send it off to Mary  
I might hold back a dollar and wash this pain out of my  
back  
But the pain keeps getting clearer and Mary your face  
just keeps on fading  
Now the light shines through this bottle, memories all  
fade to black

Well, I'll see you out on the street tonight  
I'm a lover of a drink, a lover of a fight  
Hold my own on the dark side of this town

Yes, I'm tough as nails, got a heart of steel  
I will never fear for I will never feel  
And one more round would surely set me right  
I miss my Mary tonight

They call me the old man in this bar, sleeves rolled up  
and showin'  
Faint blue souvenirs of love and places I have been  
One says 'US Navy' and this one says 'Darling Mary'  
My Mary's turned to ashes and the ocean's turned to  
gin

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