

## Jeff Bates

# "I Can't Have Nothin' Nice"

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Four by four Chevrolet, chick magnet all the way  
Kept it armor-alled and waxed and shined, and buffed  
Got a good friend down at the Goodyear  
We get together, talk tires and drink beer  
He gave me a good deal on some new wheels for my  
new truck  
I was trying em out when some adolescent in a Trans  
Am  
Ran a red light and all I heard was "Bam!"... Damn  
I can't have nothin nice  
Worked hard all my life  
Every time I get a piece of the pie  
If somebody don't snatch it or take em a bite  
It slides right off the plate into the beans and rice  
I can't have nothin' nice  
No, I can't have nothin' nice  
I saved up and bought me a place  
A fixerup out on the lake  
Gave it tender love and care and elbow grease  
I met a girl down at the marina,  
We talked bait and drank margaritas  
She gave me a lip lock out on the boat dock, and she  
hooked me  
Before too long, we were hummin' along to wedding  
bells  
Then she kicked me out and put my house up for sale  
Well, hell.  
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Worked hard all my life  
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If somebody don't snatch it or take em a bite  
It slides right off the plate into the beans and rice  
I can't have nothin' nice  
No, I can't have nothin' nice  
I got a brand new Chevy in the junkyard  
A memory of a house and a broken heart  
And I sure hope my dreams don't come true twice  
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