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"I Can't Have Nothing Nice"

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FOUR BY FOUR CHEVEROLET
CHICK MAGNET ALL THE WAY
KEPT HER 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 GOOD WHEELS
FOR MY TRUCK
I WAS TRYING EMÂ' OUT WHEN SOME ADOLESCENT IN
A TRANS AM
RAN A RED LIGHT AND ALL I HEARD WAS BAM! DAMN!

CHORUS:

I CANÂ'T HAVE NOTHINÂ' NICE
WORKED HARD ALL MY LIFE
EVERYTIME I GET A PIECE OF THE PIE
IF SOMEBODY DONÂ'T SNATCH IT OR TAKE Â'EM A BITE
IT SLIDES RIGHT OFF THE PLATE INTO THE BEANS AND
RICE
I CANÂ'T HAVE NOTHINÂ' NICE
NO I CANÂ'T HAVE NOTHINÂ' NICE

FOR EXAMPLE, I SAVED UP AND BOUGHT ME A PLACE
A FIX ER UP OUT ON THE LAKE
GAVE IT TENDER LOVINÂ' 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 HUMMINÂ' ALONG TO
WEDDING BELLS
THEN SHE KICKED ME OUT AND PUT MY HOUSE UP FOR
SALE
(WELL HELL!)

CHORUS:

BRIDGE:

I GOT A BRAND NEW CHEVY IN THE JUNK YARD
A MEMORY OF A HOUSE AND A BROKEN HEART
AND I SURE HOPE MY DREAMS DONÂ'T COME TRUE
TWICE!

CHORUS:

I CANÂ'T HAVE NOTHINÂ' NICE
WORKED HARD ALL MY LIFE
I CANÂ'T HAVE NOTHINÂ' NICE (THATÂ'S RIGHT)

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