## Jeff Bates "My Mississippi"

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(Jeff Bates/Kenny Beard/Dave Loggins)

I traded a '57 Chevy for my first guitar And Daddy said I was crazy 'cause that was a helluva car

When I played "Love Me Tender" on that Fender
And the music came pourin' out of my hands and heart
He knew it was worth it and so did I
'Cause sometimes, some things don't have a price

So, I learned to play all my heroes' songs
And I finally got around to writin' a few of my own
The songs got better, I put a band together
And we played our first gig at a little club in McComb
When I walked on stage and opened my mouth
I started to sing and you came pouring out

Ooh, ooh Mississippi You know how hard it was for me to leave Ooh, ooh Mississippi I miss you I hope you miss me My Mississippi

So, I packed my Delta dreams and came to Music City Brought a whole lot of me, a little Presley and some Twitty
I came here to make it but if I don't I can take it
Just as long as I have you with me
I know I'm gonna be strong enough
'Cause I've got your mud in my blood

Ooh, ooh Mississippi You know how hard it was for me to leave Ooh, ooh Mississippi I miss you I hope you miss me My Mississippi

You know I have four first loves That car, this guitar and the girl that broke my heart And you...

Mississippi

You know how hard it was for me to leave Ooh, ooh Mississippi I miss you I hope you miss me

(My Mississippi) My Mississippi My Mississippi (My Mississippi) My Mississippi

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