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"Ravanna"

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I was born down by the missouri river
where the copperheads and the catfish play
just up the hill there out in jackson county
they brought me home in a chevrolet

I always wanted to be just like my daddy
he wrapped me up there in the traveler's joy
I spend a great deal of my life out on the highway
and there's several devils there that I must employ

I'm a long way from Ravanna
where as a child I used to roam
along the line there where the wild blackberry grow
I'm not sad to think about it
those old memories just make me strong
and they shine a mighty light wherever I go

My mama raised me on a switch and some cornbread
a kiss on my face when I lay down to dream
she taught me how to hear the world while it's turning
it's been too long since I heard her sing

Lord knows I try to keep my spirits in the velvet but it's
tough
I will take what I inherit friend and that should be
enough
that should be enough

now I don't believe that I was born a sinner
but I've been working hard to catch up there just the
same
Lord lord lord good god almighty I am only human
isn't that a burden and ain't that a shame?

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