

Jim Reeves

"The Gun"

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This is the story of love that came undone

This is the story of two men and a gun of two men and
a gun

A man that I'd never met stole my wife and son

But that's been nearly three years now and it's over
with and done

At first I'd stare out into space while hate consumed my
soul

Hate was the creed by which I lived and revenge my
only goal

But the road to happiness isn't paved with hate

I'm glad I learned how to forgive before it was too late

Now here's the way the other man paid for what he'd
done

I heard it from the man's own lips who took my wife and
son

I didn't really know this man but I'd seen him round

He's a new guard at the factory where I work west of
town

This fellow swung into step with me and said I've got to
talk

I listened spellbound at his words as we stood on the
walk

You the guard said hoarsely are a kind man I surmise

As he stood there with his handkerchief wiping in his
eyes

Three years ago I wronged a man I stole his wife and son

I didn't realize then the terrible thing that I had done

This thing gets hold of me at night and I can't sleep or rest

Forgive me sir but telling it seems to get it off my chest

When my past looms up like this it kinda helps me to unload

I'm one man sir who knows for sure that you reap just what you've sowed

I sure appreciate your listening it helps me a lot

You know to have that man's forgiveness I'd give everything I've got

Well I feel much better now I I didn't get your name

More why that was my wife's name before we wed it's odd your name's the same

You know I'd kill a man who'd do to me the thing that I've done

And when the truth got through to him he handed me his gun

As I gave the weapon back I said what's done is done

All I ask is just be kind to Jenny and my son

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