

## **John Denver**

### **"Sweet Melinda"**

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Pulled out of Linden, Texas  
Two days and nights ago  
I've been livin' on pills and burgies  
Till the whites of my eyes don't show

Southbound headlights are makin' me blind  
I'm too damn tired to blink  
My toes are numb and my brains gone dumb  
And I can just barely think

Sweet Melinda, my wife  
The lonesome moan of this eighteen wheeler  
Cuts through me like a knife  
?Cept for you, sweet Melinda, my wife  
I been ridin' on empty  
Most all of my life

Two more hours of daylight  
It's startin' to rain again  
A sign up ahead says, 'Welcome to Paradise  
Population Ten'

Well, me and this truck and that old white line  
Stumblin' on and on  
Like three old drinkin' buddies  
Comin' home at dawn

?Cept for you, sweet Melinda, my wife  
The lonesome moan of this eighteen wheeler  
Cuts through me like a knife  
?Cept for you, sweet Melinda, my wife  
I been ridin' on empty  
Most all of my life  
Yeah, yeah

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