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"Harder Cards"

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Well, a hammer fell down on a .44 Primer
And that was one less problem in South Carolina
tonight
Wrong or right

She just looked to me as she finished her tale
The blank expression went another pale shade of gray
There was nothing to say

In the shadows of her face, I saw the scars
That you get when you live where love is hard
And she said

Don't you sit and judge me from some high and mighty
seat
Don't you shrug it off until you've walked a mile in my
bare feet
There are people that you pass by every day
With harder cards than yours in life to play

Well, I put the cuffs on her and sat her in the car
Walked inside, he was layin' on the floor stone dead
Been shot in the head

There were whiskey bottles and dope by the chair
A starving baby with nothing to wear but tears
So the picture was clear

He had finally pushed her way across the line
And the badge I wore was losing all its shine
And she said

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seat
Don't you shrug it off until you've walked a mile in my
bare feet
There are people that you pass by every day
With harder cards than yours in life to play

I just stood there thinkin' how justice is blind
But after thirty five years, you learn to read the signs
So I made up my mind

I took the cuffs of her and I walked her back in
Wiped the gun off and wrapped it in his right hand
Where it should've been

And the morning paper read in black and white
It's just another senseless case of suicide
Suicide

Oh, but don't you sit and judge me from some high and
mighty seat
Don't you shrug it off until you've walked a mile along
my beat
There are people that you pass by every day
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