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"Stagger Mountain Tragedy"

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I was born on Stagger Mountain in the sunshine and the snow

And leavin' was the first mistake I made
But I hungered for the shadows in the valley down below

And the girl that danced the tune the devil played

Her smile was like the blindin' light of sunshine on the snow

And the flashin' of her hair was black as sin
And her body set the smokes of hell a-boilin' in my skull
When the fiddle of the devil made her spin

Morning sunshine

(Sunshine)

High on the mountain

Where the air is pure and cold

But there's darkness in the shadows

In the canyons of my soul

The lantern cast a shadow like a demon on the wall

And the naked sweat was breathin' on her skin

Then the room was spinning closer as her clothes began to fall

And the eagle started screamin' in my brain

Then I saw the laughin' dagger and I heard the devil scream

And her bleeding heart was beating in my hand

Then the darkness blew away and I was standin' by a tree

With a hanging rope a-danglin' from a limb

Morning sunshine

(Sunshine)

High on the mountain

Where the air is pure and cold

But there's darkness in the shadows

In the canyons of my soul

