

## Tobin Sprout

### "New Orleans"

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He was twenty-five, she was twenty-eight  
He was home grown country, she'd just pulled off the  
interstate  
She bought a Dr. Pepper, ten dollars worth of gas  
She was obviously lost but too afraid to ask directions  
So he offered her a smile and a stick of Beech Nut gum  
He said where you headed to girl, where are you  
coming from  
She said

New Orleans but that's another story  
New Orleans that's another time  
That's another town, that's another life

First she stayed a day then she stayed a week  
Couple of months later they were living on his parent's  
street  
He worked the station and she worked the store  
And then they had a baby and  
Then they had one more little Jesse

When she dropped the kids off at the mother's day out  
All the ladies had their questions  
But they knew not to ask about

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Wednesday night supper at the First Baptist Church  
Stranger standin' in the doorway  
As they're passin' out the dessert  
He said go on and pack your bags  
Cause I'm here to take you home  
I'm goin' back to Louisiana  
And woman I ain't gonna go with out you

There's a few defining moments in every person's life  
When you know what you've done wrong  
And you know what you've done right  
And before the congregation and her husband and her

kids  
She says, "How dare you even speak to me  
After everything you did" ...in

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