

## **Michael Peterson**

# **"When The Bartender Cries"**

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(Michael Peterson/Hunter Davis)

This bar has been my home away from her  
Used to be, she was missing me  
Now she's moving in with her best friend  
And I'm the only one who wants what used to be

I'm here because today I lost it all  
I didn't want to drink at home alone  
I just can't believe all my hopes and dreams are falling  
Like a row of dominoes

I thought the man behind the bar  
Had heard it all before  
My story must have caught him by surprise  
'Cause when he handed me my double  
There were tears in his eyes  
You know you're in trouble  
When the bartender cries

He said, "Last night you swore you'd never drink  
again"  
I said, "Next time, I'm really gonna try"  
So if she ever calls for me  
Oh, you can finally tell her, "He ain't here"  
And it won't be a lie

I asked the man behind the bar  
What he'd been crying for  
He said, "That bottle used to be a friend of mine  
Now I've stopped drinking doubles  
But I pour them all of the time  
Son, you know you're in trouble  
When the bartender cries"

As I saw my own reflection staring back at me, I knew  
Every single word he said was true

Well, I told the man behind the bar  
I thought I'd seen it all before  
Till I saw the sadness in his eyes  
That's when I put down my double

And said my last goodbyes  
'Cause you know you're in trouble  
When the bartender cries  
Oh, you know you're in trouble  
When the bartender cries

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