

## Emmy the Great

### "Broken Man's Lament"

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I was once a broken man  
I was once a broken fool  
Lost my wife and children  
To one basic broken rule

Now I live my life in silence  
Though I'm not quite in a shell  
I drink and listen to that song -  
"A Whiter Shade of Pale," Oh,  
A Whiter Shade of Pale

I was a good shade-tree mechanic  
So I sent myself to school  
They smoothed out my rough edges  
In my hand they put new tools

The instructor once he told me  
I could work on any line  
I could tune to make  
A diesel sing...  
Just like Patsy Cline, Oh,  
Just Like Patsy Cline.

Well I met my wife to be  
Through my mother's best friend's son  
She'd been a barroom singer  
She was as good as anyone

Well I asked her to stop singing  
And the girl she did not flinch  
Next day she went and bought that man  
A brand new crescent wrench, Oh,  
A brand new crescent wrench.

We had three fine children  
As eight years went on by  
And earned a supervising line  
My knuckles stayed bone-dry

But after supper I kept hearing her  
By the kitchen radio

Singing sweet, but desperate harmony  
A little bit too low, Oh,  
A little bit too low.

She left three months later  
I'd just come home for lunch  
Note said "Easy come, hard go.  
"I still love you so much."

She said I don't know if I'll be there  
Or if you'll want me when I come  
But if and when that happens, dear,  
You'd better let my sweet dream run, Oh,  
Let my sweet dream run.

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So I sent myself to school  
They smoothed out my rough edges  
In my hand they put new tools

The instructor once he told me  
I could work on any line  
But now my diesels aint the only thing  
That sing like Patsy Cline, Oh,  
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