

## Rodney Carrington

### "The Rock Of My Soul"

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The rock of my soul went to church on Sunday  
The rock of my soul went to work on Monday  
Clean across the levy by the railroad tracks  
The other side of Houston in a two room shack  
Sweeping out confetti from a third grade classroom  
The rock of my soul pushed a dust mop broom

The rock of my soul didn't have much luck  
He came to town grinnin' on a flat bed truck  
The rock of my soul didn't have much charm  
With the lack of education on a red dirt farm  
And he was fond of disappearing on an eight day  
drunk  
Coming home smelling like a low down skunk

And he said

I do like I say  
Not like I do and you might make me proud  
Another Houston Kid  
On a downhill skid for crying out loud

I'm a first hand witness to an age old crime  
A man who hits a woman isn't worth a dime  
5, 6, 7, 8, 9 years old  
That's what I remember about the rock of my soul  
I told him I would kill him if he did not stop it  
But the rock of my soul just would not drop it

I learned to lie like dirt  
I could steal your shirt and talk with a gun  
Another Houston Kid  
On a downhill skid like father like son

Now I got out of prison 'bout a year ago  
Seven long years really went by slow  
I didn't kill my daddy but my momma tried  
She shot him with a pistol and he like to a died  
I'm on probation living straight and true  
And there's every indication that the past is through

That's all I know  
'Bout the rock of my soul

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