

Rodney Crowell

"I've Done Everything I Can"

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I'd love to hear you laughing
Love so see you smile
Dance that little dance you danced
When you were just a child

The way the world came at you
Left you bitter and confused
The more I tried to guide your path
The more you just felt used

The sun comes up to my room
But there are no guarantees
It can rock you like a baby
It can knock you to your knees

The path that lies between us
Is a star crossed avenue
I've done everything I can
There's nothing I can do

So you loved that girl to death
And you're scared to take a breath
It's like everything you've dread
Swings are hammer in your head

So her heart's locked in a vault
And you think it's all your fault
It's a dream as old as dirt
And you can't stand to see her hurt

May the little voice that guides you
Send a message through for me
Reminding you you're beautiful
And will forever be

I wish that I could be there now
To tell you it's alright
It's a darkened, taunting raiser's edge
You're walking on the night

The sun comes up to my room
But there are no guarantees

It can rock you like a baby
It can knock you to your knees

The path that lies between us
Is a rough and rocky route
I've done everything I can
And there's nothing I can do

So you're learning to let go
And the process is so slow
While your baby plums the depths
You keep climbing up the stairs

She was daddy's little girl
You were ruler of the world
And now she's out there in the fray
I'll bet she'll be back someday

You heard me say a million times
My work is never done
For those who keep the wolves at bay
There is no setting sun

To see you standing here today
Pretty child, you've come so far
Which proves that you can find your way
No matter where you are

The sun comes up to my room
But there are no guarantees
It can rock you like a baby
It can knock you to your knees

The path that lies between us
It's the long way home, it's true
I've done everything I can
And there's nothing I can do
I've done everything I can and look at you

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