

## **Tom T. Hall**

### **"Subdivision Blues"**

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Out on the edge of town I bought a two room brick  
Moved in as soon as I got the plumbin' all fixed  
Making them payments worked my fingers to the bone  
Anything I had to do to get myself a home

There was water in the basement, it looked like a  
swimming pool  
The man said, "Son that water'll help to keep your  
cottage cool"  
The Welcome Wagon brought me out some sleepin'  
pills and booze  
I got the mean old subdivision blues

Somebody came and knocked my fence down just the  
other day  
Tore up my yard and hauled my lawnmower away  
Shot out my windows with the BB gun  
A boxer down the street came by and beat up my son

So I went out and bought myself a big old German dog  
The man behind me saw me and he started raisin'  
hogs  
A nineteen year old girl next door is sunnin' in the nude  
I got those mean old subdivision blues

But I bought my house because it was located near a  
school  
Now a bus comes by and takes my kids to Istanbul  
The guy next door just bought his son a brand new  
saxophone  
The man behind me sued him 'cause his hogs were  
leavin' home

My buddy left his wife and now he's livin' in a tent  
A hippie sued me 'cause I did not have a room to rent  
They built a trailer park before I had a chance to move  
I got them mean old subdivision blues

Well I moved out in the country just as far as I could go  
I couldn't even get the Grand Ole Opry on the radio  
I guess you know what happened just as soon as I  
moved in

The man across the valley started clearin' off this land

The law came out and said that I would have to move  
my barn

They said the man next door was gonna subdivide his  
farm

They auctioned off my farm to build the state another  
school

I got the mean old subdivision blues

Well other night I dreamed I died and I went right  
straight to Hell

I don't know what I did but you know you can never tell

They handed me a key and handed me a little map

They said, "You got a place to live and we'll show you  
where it's at"

They took me to a two room brick just on the edge of  
town

With thirty thousand other little houses falling down

A million years to pay it off with payments overdue

Yeah, it's hell to have the subdivision blues

Got those mean old subdivision blues

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