

Tom T. Hall "What Have You Got to Lose"

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(Tom T. Hall)

Well, I've been in some bars where they serve it in big silver

Goblets and pewter and brass

I've been in some joints where they serve it in paper cups

And maybe an old water glass.

But it's all the same in the old drinking game When you drink and you try to forget One woman who loved you and another who didn't And I ain't seen one winner yet.

What have you got to lose What have you got to lose Try women and booze and the cigarette blues What have you got to lose?

Well, I've been in some towns with some high rolling heavies

And I know some unknowns and stars The big equalizer is a good drink of liquor When they all belly up to the bar.

Some cry for fame some cry for money
And some people reach for the skies
But when a honky tonk heart starts crying for a honky
tonk

You can't get a tear in edgewise.

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--- Instrumental ---

Now an old country boy just can't sit on the porch And watch while the world's going by Now se's got to be part of some social endeavor So he gets him a jug and he tries.

He'll play that old jukebox and chase them old hides Bout daylight come to in his room When that sun's comin' up he's bout half way to hell About half way back home around noon.

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