

# How Can I Protect You

Alabama 3

I never play with guns

she got a compact mirror  
stole it off her mother  
she got her daddy's overnight traveling bag  
always been told "if you wanna leave home honey, you ain't ever, ever welcome back"  
and now she's down at the station, baby in her belly  
kickin' gentle momma chilled to the max  
she got a one way ticket, goin' cross the border  
for her hopes and all her dreams  
rollin down the train tracks, yeah

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from two to nine you work for five-a-dime  
start the night with some thunderbird wine  
praise the lord for those neon lights that'a  
keep the city burnin' bright all night  
walkin' in the park in the midnight rain  
swear to yourself that ya gonna change  
ain't gonna crash, ain't gonna burn, ain't gonna take no wrong turn  
feel so alone, so you telephone, ya  
call collect ain't nobody home  
you ain't suprised though you wonder why your letters come back unopened  
so you hit the strip with your freak flag high an'  
forget about the tears in your daddy's eyes  
momma don't worry if the waters rise  
don't ever let my drink run dry till the sunshine

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and when the talkin's over  
there's nothing left I can do  
how'm I ever gonna get through to you?

let the angels be the navigators  
the devil will get there on his own  
let the cherubin  
let the serafin  
keep you walkin on the road back home, yeah

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