When I was 16 took me a 15 year old wife I guess Ive been a working man just about all my life Like my daddy before me Ive done the best I could Somehow things turned out a little worse than they should

Logan West Virginia is a hundred mile behind Coal mines took my boys life and my Janies piece of mind

All I know is back in Logan I ain't never been that smart

But I know I had to leave there to heal my Janies heart

[Chorus]

Damn these hard times
Damn the coal mines
Damn the good dreams gone cold
While I'm at it, damn this crooked road

Me and Janie worked hard to get our children grown Junior was our first born and he gut us to the bone We learned long ago that you don't doubt the good lords plans

But some things is hard to take lord we just tryin' to understand

[Chorus]

Theres a big blue ocean about 300 mile Sun on the water just might make my Janie smile Light in her eyes is worth more to me to me than gold Hope runs straight line right down this mountain road

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