If there's one thing that I know
It is the two shades of hope
One the enlightening soul
And the other is more like a hangman's rope

Well it's true, you may reap what you sow But not that despair is the all-time low Baby, hope deals the hardest blows

There's once someone I loved
Whose heart overflowed his cup
And his shoes got covered in blood
Oh but he never knew
Cause he only looked up
Well he was a troubled soul
Who'd known pain more than most I know
Yet it was hope that dealt the hardest blows

And the girl that holds the hand of Of a somewhat distant man Though she did everything she can Still his heart set sail for a distant land And she wonders sometimes if he knows How she feels like a trampled rose Baby, hope deals the hardest blows

Aaah oooh baby Oooh, oh oh

Well some people think their sins
Caused the cancer that's eating into them
And the only way they can win
Is by the healing of somebody's hands on their skin, and
praying
But when the cancer does not go
Baby hope dealt the hardest blows

And now all these truths are so
With foundations below them
That were dug out in winter's cold
When the world stole our young and preyed on the old

Well hope deals in the hardest blows Yet I cannot help myself but hope

I guess that's why love hurts And heartache stings And despair's never worse Than the despair that death brings

But hope deals the hardest blows, dear The hardest... Hope deals the hardest blows