

My Saving Grace

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Daddy's bourbon breath was strong as gasoline,
An' it seemed to fuel the rage he had inside.
He'd come home just burnin',
Mad an' drunk an' mean an' raisin' hell on a Saturday night.
Momma'd lock us up in her bedroom,
He'd be lyin' in the hallway on our way to Sunday school.

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Momma passed the offerin' plate.
An' she'd cry out to Heaven: 'Protect this son of mine'
While Daddy kept the devil off my back,
By takin' up his time.

Momma said: "Nobody's perfect," as we walked into Church,
To ask the Good Lord to forgive him, again.
I still recall that sermon, I hung on every word.
That's when I learned just exactly what a Father really meant.
And the Angels and the people gathered round,
I was standin' in that water when that Preacher laid me down.

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