I just finished a book
With it's cover torn and its pages worn
The story starts on the day you were born in the city
Where movie houses stood

Raised on Elvis and Hollywood
The bad guys bad and the good guys good
And the weight of the world is always on the sheriff's shoulder
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There was life in the little house

Above the hospital for the dying So I will keep singing I will keep fishing for some words in this water all around me

As the houses of home shook And as the shelter broke you got a good long look Of a country and class run by buzzards and crooks Mississippi! Mississippi!

Through CIA and Klan
Through a McCarthy's damn blacklist, Nixon and 'nam
They teargassed the students but you had a plan
And the weight of the world is always on the sheriff's shoulder
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There was life in the little house Above the hospital for the dying So I will keep singing I will keep fishing for some words in this water all around me

There was life in the city that night When you found your voice and you voiced your sight And you held your ground to help us see

There's more to life than lovers and chores There's more to life than an office at the top floor Somehow, someway, we all find peace We all find...