Jacob was a dirt poor farm boy Raised at the fork in the road in a clapboard house And Rachael was a land baron's daughter Born with a silver spoon in her mouth

Her daddy said, he wouldn't stand
Rachael to waste her life with a common man
He tried hard to keep them apart
But you can't draw lines in a young girl's heart

So late one night by the harvest moon Jacob climbed a ladder up to Rachael's room He knew his place, it was right beside her

Step by step, up to her world

Head over heels for a brown-eyed girl

And gettin' caught didn't seem to matter

'Cause Heaven was waitin' at the top of Jacob's ladder

It'll be five years, September Since her daddy found a ladder and a note on her windowsill Swore he'd never forgive them Nothin' melts a heart like a grandchild will

Now she climbs up on his knee Says, "Grandpa, tell a story, the one about me" He thinks back and his eyes shine Says, "Listen child, once upon a time"

Late one night by the harvest moon Your daddy climbed a ladder to your mama's room He knew his place, it was right beside her

Step by step, up to her world
Head over heels for my little girl
And here you are, that's all that matters
'Cause Heaven was waitin' at the top of Jacob's ladder
Oh, an angel was waitin' at the top of Jacob's ladder