Too long on the road, my friend Too long between rides Too long between homes again Too long without someone by my side

And Lord, there's something 'bout a sad song that helps to ease the pain...

Here I am, Lord, just singing up a storm and I'm all alone again...

Too much going down today just can't take it in Too much running 'round today can't tell you where I've been

Seems that just like singing in the only thing to do only thing to help me pass the time

Songs are just like ladies--can't forget them when you're through and they're always on your mind...

(CHORUS:)

And the rosewood bitters
Help me meet the sunshine in the morning
And the rosewood bitters
Help me through the night
When I feel blue

Too few stop to pass the time Guess that's how it goes So sure that there's much more than this when really no one knows

And easing into midnight as the bitters pass around crying in my beer Singing someone else's troubles help to ease your own Goodnight, Irene, my dear...

(CHORUS)