



Valentine Country Music

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LYRICS

THE OLD MAN IN THE HALLWAY

The old hotel is dark and dingy, the paint is chipped and worn
A small boy in the doorway, goodwill clothes are badly torn
The old man looks up from his chair then slowly lowers his eyes
A bloody nose from a drunken mom, the small boy starts to cry

There's a young girl on the corner, smiling looking all around
Her boyfriend's on the next street trying to flag somebody down
He says for fifteen dollars she's the best in all the land
A dark haired stranger pays the price he doesn't give a damn.

CHORUS

Well the old man in the hallway slowly gets up from his chair
His clothes are badly wrinkled you can tell he doesn't care
Those old gray eyes have seen it all the heartache and the pain
But no one in the neighborhood could call him by his name

There's a hobo on a park bench he's just barely skin and bones
And right beside a paper bag holds everything he owns
A wino in the alley with his head against the wall
Dreaming 'bout good days gone by before the alcohol

There's a young man on the corner, he's just barely seventeen
He slips a five to some old creep and buys himself a dream
A passing car slams on it's breaks you can hear it for a mile
Now watch the old man close his eyes and ponder for awhile

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