Corpus Christi Bay

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I worked the rigs from three to midnight

On the Corpus Christi Bay

I'd get off and drink till daylight

Sleep the morning away

I had a plan to take my wages

Leave the rigs behind for good

But that life it is contagious

And it gets down in your bloodI lived in Corpus with my brother

We were always on the run

We were bad for one another

But we were good at having fun

We got stoned along the seawall

We got drunk and rolled a car

We knew the girls at every dance hall

Had a tab at every barIf I could live my life all over

It wouldn't matter anyway'Cause I never could stay sober

On the Corpus Christi BayMy brother had a wife and family

You know, he gave them a good home

But his wife thought we were crazy

And one day we found her gone

We threw her clothes into the car trunkHer photographs, her rosary

We went to the pier and got drunk

And threw it all into the sea

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