

Amanda Wilkinson, Gone From Love Too Long

Baby sister set out for the bright lights of California
Said she was gonna be a star
No word from someone in six long months
Can sure get on ya and it was breaking Momma's heart

I drove those thousand miles like a bat out of hell
Searched every corner, every low rent motel
'Til I found her there with greasy hair
And a strangers eyes and then she cried
And I held her tight and said you've been

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As the lights of LA faded in our rear-view mirror
She said, Sis I'm scared to death
I left home innocent, I'm going back a sinner
I've seen and done things I'd just as soon forget
She put out that cigarette and crumpled up the pack
And said, what I wouldn't give to have just part of myself back
And I took her hand, said, I understand and she broke down
She said, tell me how, do I face Momma now
I said you've been

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Momma met us halfway down the driveway
Held out her arms to her baby
And all she had to say is

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