Dolly Parton, Daddy's Moonshine Still

Folks say my daddy wasn't much of a man For disobeying the laws of the land Folks say that my daddy wasn't fit to kill Oh and I know it was true what the people said Cause we'd all've been better of dead Than to live a life of shame and strife Cause of daddy's moonshine still

My mama was always sweet and kind But she grew old before her time Worryin' about the way we had to live

Yeah my daddy put the wrinkles in my mama's face He drunk his share of all he made And just one more reason I grew to hate My daddy's moonshine still

Chorus:

Daddy's moonshine still was good for nothin' But to break mama's heart And to tear our home apart Make our lives a livin' hell

Them old mason jars that daddy made us wash And set them out to sun on our back porch 'Til he got ready to take 'em up on the hill And when daddy got word of the revenue He made us kids help hide his brew Made us swear that we never knew About daddy's moonshine still

Yeah and two of my brothers drove across the state line Once a week with a load of moonshine And the wounds that came from that won't ever heal Cause on a moonshine run one rainy night My two brothers lost their lives And oh my god how I despise My daddy's moonshine still

Repeat Chorus

Well it broke mama's heart but she understood The day that I left home for good But I had to find me another way to live Well I sent mama money nearly every day And how I made it, well I'd rather not say But at least it took me far away From daddy's moonshine still

My bootlegging daddy was known quite well And he made our home a livin' hell And I ain't forgot it and I know that I never will My mama finally died she just gave up And daddy finally died from drinkin' that stuff And bad memories haunt the rest of us From daddy's moonshine still

Repeat Chorus