Hem, Strays (Early Version)

(Dan Messe)

In the summer of my wedding As the corn burned in the field Oh I lay down for my Baby And let the sweet smoke stain my heels

Well I lay there til the midnight As the dogs, they run through town And I rose up just to listen And I never lay back down

I could hear them from my bedroom Through the black wood on my floor I could call out, hear them scatter Running blindly past my door

Then the morning, it came upon me And I set my soul to search From the tall grass down the main road To the stained glass at the church

Lord my shepherd help me pray Though I left my heart to stray Though I left my heart untrue I can follow I do I do

I can name them in my dreaming I can set my soul to rest I can chain them to my body Let them settle at my breast

Now see them coming to my wedding Where I will teach them not to stray Oh they'll carry my salvation