

Lyfe Jennings, The River

I was born by the river

That my momma cried when my daddy died

Maybe that was the reason I didn't get the attention that I was needing to cuss (curse), 'cause I rem

Couldn't understand what she felt so I hated her yeah til I was old enough to hate myself

And I felt like a slave down in South Carolina

Cursing the vagina that gave life to me oh

I couldn't see what I had the potential to be til I got down on my knees and begged God to please

Take control of my life today 'cause there's no way there's no way no way no way I, I can do it on m

And no matter how my friends tried to console

They could never know what I go through

So I turned my heart over completely to you

Yes Lord I do.

I was born in a hurry

'cause my momma had to be back to work at 8:30

Maybe that was the reason there was always this feeling like she was rushing herself

She didn't even have the time to spend loving herself, let alone someone else

So I hated her yeah 'cause I loved her yeah

And I cried yeah like the klu klux klan at the Million Man March

Partially broke my spirit

Partially broke my heart

I couldn't start to be what I had the potential to be til I got down on my knees and begged God to pl

Take control of my life today

'cause there's no way there's no way no way no way I, I can make it on my own hey

And no matter how my friends tried to console

They could never know what I go through

So I turn my heart over completely to you yes Lord I do.