

Tom Waits, No One Can Forgive Me But My Baby

Crack a mean whip, carry a big gun
Cast a long shadow till the day is done
Do ninety miles an hour down the Devil's trail
Done hard time in a hundred jails
No one can forgive me but my baby
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Now Jesus don't know, Mary don't know
Preacher don't know, Momma don't know
Daddy don't know, my brother don't know
St. John don't know, St. Peter don't know
No one can forgive me but my baby

I took a hundred dollars from a blind man's hand
I slept with the whores on the burnin' sand
Got twenty-seven children I've never seen
Got blood on my hands that will never come clean
I got long arms, tell big lies
Stole the pennies from my dear mother's eyes
I'm tall in the saddle, about six foot nine
I beat up revenuers all the time
No one can forgive me but my baby
Oh, no one can forgive me but my baby

I got a mean temper, I'm a big liar
Broke all the laws, set the house on fire
When I stand before Jesus and he asks me to kneel
I'll tell him maybe we can make a deal
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I don't pay no bills, I don't say no prayers
Give back nothin', and I take all dares
Stole a car and I got me a gun
If there ain't no road I'm gonna make me one
Broke my baby's heart, and I whip my dog
I don't say nothin' when I meet my God
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Forgive me, baby