Alabama, Start Living

He just can't wait to graduate, he's marking time and counting days

He'll toss that cap and watch that tassel fly

So he can start living, yeah, finally start living

'Cause he's got big plans and he'll have time on his hands to start living

Before he knows ten years are gone, a dead end job, a mortgage loan

He wonders where the chances passed him by

To really start living, yeah, he wants to start living

And soon he's sure, he can finally afford to start living

He'll read more books, he'll make more love He'll talk more to the man above

He'll watch the sunset in the west

And visit Mexico

He'll learn to cook, he'll play some ball

He'll write that book, he'll make that call

He'll take the time, some other time

Someday he'll do it all

Well sittin' in the barber chair, he sees the silver in his hair

Those golden years are comin' right behind

And then he'll start living, he'll really start living

Yeah, he feels tired, ah, but soon he'll retire and start living

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Well the doctor says, I've got bad news, afraid there's nothing we can do

And all at once the tears are in his eyes

He'll never start living, never really start living

Yeah, he had big plans but there's no time on his hands to start living

When he sees the pearly gates

He'll really start living