Charlie Daniels, Carolina (I Remember You)

The first things I remember are frosty Carolina mornings

With a cheery fire crackling in my momma's big black wood cook stove

I remember snow flakes as big as goose feathers

And the moon the color of new made country butter

And a night sky like diamonds against black velvet

Reaching from horizon to horizon

I remember when the biggest problems in my barefoot life

Were sand spurs and red ant hills

I remember sitting with my grand daddy on the front porch

And watching the last of that magnificent southern sun

Bleed away into the twilight sky

I remember Sunday school and kneeling at the cross

And trying to imagine what God looked like

Sunday dinner short pants hair cuts and a little puppy

My daddy brought home to me and I remember love

I remember steam puffing fire breathing awesome 10 wheel locomotives

And the conductors watch looked

As big as one of my grand mothers biscuits

I remember my mother smiling in a red and white cherckered dress

And Christmas always seemed so far away

Yes I remember you Carolina grand old lady if the south

I remember you as home

One of the memories that stays on my mind

About an old southern lady that I left behind

Is a ramshackle bridge where the deep river winds

And an old two-lane blacktop through the tall long-leaf pines

Carolina, Carolina

You're hard, but you're hard to forget

I still remember the magnolia nights

And goosefeather snow flakes in the gray morning light

Sandspurs and puppies and red autumn leaves

And the warm lights in the clear night on a cold Christmas Eve

Carolina, Carolina

You're hard, but you're hard to forget

Carolina I knew you

Before the highways got to you

And I loved you as one of your own

And I still do

Carolina, Carolina

You're hard, but you're hard to forget

You're hard to forget