

# Jeff Bates, My Mississippi

i traded a '57 Chevy  
for my first guitar  
and daddy said i was crazy  
cause that was a helluva car  
when i played "Love me Tender" on that fender  
and the music came pourin' out of my hands and heart  
he knew it was worth it and so did i  
cause sometimes some things dont have a price

so i learned to play all my heroes' songs  
and i finally got ariound to writin' a few of my own  
the songs got better i put a band together  
and we played our first gig at a little club in McComb  
when i walked on stage and opened my mouth  
i started to sing and you came pouring out

Chorus

Ooh ooh Mississippi  
you know how hard it was for me to leave  
ooh, ooh Mississippi  
i miss you i hope you miss me  
My Mississippi

so i packed my delta dream  
and came to music city  
brought a whole lot of me a little Presley and some Twitty  
i came here to make it  
but if i dont i can take it  
just as long i have you with me  
i know im gonna be strong enough  
cause i've got your mud in my blood

repeat chorus

you know i have four first loves  
that car, this guitar, and the girl that broke my heart, and you

repeat chorus

My Mississippi  
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