

Kenny Rogers, Tennessee Bottle

I broke the law and I used a gun
I broke the Ten Commandments one by one
I always wished that I had a son
Just to teach him not to

I lived in the valley and I hid in the hills
I stole moonshine from illegal stills
Folks said "Don't rile him 'cause he may kill"
But only if I've got to

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All I need is an Arkansas bride
All I can see is an Ozark mountain sunrise
And 500 miles to hide my life, life, life, to hide my life
To hide my life

I tried to farm and I tried to mine
I tried cuttin' on the timberline
But pain and sweat was all I'd find
Rewarding all my labor

So I robbed banks and I robbed trains
I lost one eye in a poker game
I gave up gambling 'cause it's such a shame
To cheat your friends and neighbors

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I think I'm gonna quit and change my ways
Settle down and live an honest day
Someone said that crime don't pay
But I gotta 'nuff to live on

I think I'm gonna move to Little Rock
Leave my doors without a lock
I might be a foot without a sock
But I got cash to stand on

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