

# 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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