

Shawn Mullins, Tannin Bed Song

Maria lays in the tannin bed and reads the Tuesday news
She's down there every week at the same time with the same ol' blues
She reads the funny papers and then the classifieds
And if she ain't too sleepy, there's the weather report on the flip side
And this Kansas life is a hard one for a girl from Miami
You're just staring out at the oil fields
And that's all that I can see
Her old man's in the same place since the company let him go
Just sippin the pabst blue ribbon and cussin amoco
Maria drives home from the tannin bed
And the black clouds roll across the sky
She pulls into the trailer park, pops the trunk and calls the kids outside
Said there's a twister comin
And you haven't got a clue
I ain't going to sit here in this double wide and wait around for you
Cause I'm takin the microwave oven
And I'm takin the color TV
And I'm packin up the Chevy with the kids and what's left of me
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