

# Steve Earle & The Dukes, Once You Love

A long time ago there lived a man  
He had the world in the palm of his hand  
Sultans and kings beat a path to his door  
He had everything but he still wanted more  
One day in spring came a lady so fair  
He'd never looked on a beauty so rare  
But he didn't trust her so he locked her away  
And his gold lost its luster when love died that day

Once you love, once you trust it  
Once you give your soul is bare  
One false move and you know you're busted  
Once you love you care

I knew an old man who lived all alone  
In a sad little house at the end of the road  
He sat on the front porch in an old rocking chair  
And everyone swore he'd gone crazy down there  
But no one comes near so how could they know  
He lost someone dear to him once long ago  
He remembers the laughter and he still tastes the tears  
And he still calls her name out after all of these years

You can keep it all inside  
You can run but you can't hide  
When you think it's safe outside  
Look behind you, love will find you