

The Grateful Dead, Mississippi Half-Step Uptown

On the day that I was born
Daddy sat down and cried
I had the mark just as plain as day
which could not be denied
They say that Cain caught Abel
rolling loaded dice,
ace of spades behind his ear
and him not thinking twice

Half-step
Mississippi Uptown Toodleloo
Hello baby, I'm gone, goodbye
Half a cup of rock and rye
Farewell to you old southern sky
I'm on my way - on my way

If all you got to live for
is what you left behind
get yourself a powder charge
and seal that silver mine
I lost my boots in transit babe
pile of smoking leather
Nailed a retread to my feet
and prayed for better weather

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They say that when your ship comes in
the first man takes the sails
The second takes the afterdeck
The third the planks and rails
What's the point in callin shots?
This cue ain't straight in line
Cueball's made of styrofoam
and no one's got the time

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Across the Rio Grand-eo
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