Tom T. Hall, Bourbon Man

(I have a very good friend in Nashville Tennessee who is a semiprofessional wino And during one of our recent and frequent conversations

We got to talk about his religious philosophy

And as far as I could determine this is the way he feels about it)

Lord can a drunk go to heaven well frankly I don't see why not

If the Lord loves the weak and the weary well how come he can't love a sot

Now I don't drink to hurt anybody why I love everybody I meet

I can quit any time but I don't want to and in fact I quit three times last week

Now lemme tell you bout some of them preachers

Lord you know some of 'em ain't worth a dime

Why they're flirtin' with all of them widders hmm yeah and one is a widder of mine

Oh Í hear people prayin' so fancy why they'd be better off a sendin' you mail

Lord if they could've heard me last Sunday

Well I'd've prayed 'em right out of that jail

Now Lord if a drunk gets to heaven to walk on that great Golden Strand

Would you give me a spot and the shade of a tree and remember I'm a bourbon man