

Tracy Byrd, That's What Keeps Her Getting By

(Bobby Huff - Shane Minor - Danny Wells)

Stack of bills on her kitchen table
Out go the lights and off goes the cable
If she don't pay 'em by the 15th
And it don't look like she's gonna be able.

Two mouths to feed, two jobs barely get it done
A lot on her plate for a single mom at twenty-one
From the outside looking in you'd think her world would crumble
But she keeps finding that light at the end of the tunnel.

Somehow she keeps gettin' by,
The only soft shoulder she knows.

Is on some lonely road she's going down, she's going down
Sometimes she feels like throwing in the towel but she's not
No matter what she's gonna give her kids
A better life than what she's got.

And that's what keeps her gettin' by
Friday noon, parent teacher day
It's Johnson elementary or half a shift's pay
But she wouldn't miss it for the world.

She looks around at all the daddy's in the room
Wishing her kids had one of them too
This ain't how she planned it her life's going ten different ways
It's off to little league and then to ballet

Somehow she keeps gettin' by
The only soft shoulder she knows.

In every dark cloud, oh she, keeps finding that silver lining.

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Sometimes she feels like throwing in the towel, but she's not
No matter what she's gonna give her kids
A better life than what she's got
And that's what keeps her gettin' by.

Yeah, that's what keeps her gettin' by...