

(Verse 1)

I was just a boy with a drummer-boy dream,  
She was barely seventeen with a heart full of esteem.  
Sometime our folks could fight and drink too much,  
But we found some peace in each other's touch.  
We needed their names just to make it right,  
They signed those papers and changed our lives.  
Two young hearts, no plan, no fear,  
Just love that carried us year after year.

(Verse 2)

We chased that music highway wide,  
Me with my music, her by my side.  
Played every town where we thought we belonged,  
But the fame I wanted never came along.  
Somewhere between the miles and the years,  
We lost that spark, all those dreams drowned in tears.  
Now the stage is quiet, all things feel strange,  
Funny how forever sometime will change.

(Chorus)

Forty-four years, where did they go?  
Through the highs and the lows, only heaven knows.  
Two daughters grown and grandkids strong,  
We built a life and then it all went wrong.  
The road got long, and the nights grew cold,  
Dreams got heavy and love got old.  
Now I look back, sometime tryin' to hold on —  
But God only knows what really went wrong.

(Bridge)

Sometimes I see her in our girls' smiles,  
And I remember her laugh for a little while.  
We weren't perfect, but we were true,  
And I gave it my best, Lord knows that's all I could do.  
As I look back throughout those years,  
thanking God day by day, for no more tears.  
But God has new plans for our future to see,  
And though it's hard, trusting God will set us free.

(Final Chorus)

Forty-four years, they still live on,  
In every word, in every song.  
If I could tell her one more time,  
I'm so sorry for all I did wrong,  
But the road was long, the nights were strong,  
But the memories still play on and on —  
And God only knows... what went wrong.