

High Cost of Living by Jamey Johnson
Lyrics

I was just a normal guy, life was just a nine to five
With bills and pressure piled up to the sky
She never asked, she knew I'd be hanging with my wilder friends
Looking for some other way to fly

And three days straight was no big feat
To get by on no food or sleep and crazy was becoming my new norm
I'd pass out on the bedroom floor
And sleep right through the calm before the storm

My life was just an old routine
Every day the same damn thing
I couldn't even tell I was alive
I tell you the high cost of livin'
Ain't nothing like the cost of livin' high

That Southern Baptist parking lot is where I'd go to smoke my pot
Sit there in my pickup truck and pray
And staring at that giant cross just reminded me that I was lost
And it just never seemed to point the way

As soon as Jesus turned his back I'd find my way across the track
Lookin' just to score another deal
With my back against that damn eight ball
I didn't have to think or talk or feel

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My whole life went through my head
Layin' in that motel bed watchin' as the cops kicked in the door
I had a job and a piece of land, my sweet wife was my best friend
But I traded that for cocaine and a whore

With my new found sobriety I've got the time to sit and think
Of all the things I had and threw away
This prison is much colder than
That one that I was locked up in just yesterday

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Hell, I can't even tell if I'm alive
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Just leave that stuff alone