

**POOR BACKSLIDER**

by Greg Brown

**D** **A7** **D**  
I'M A POOR BACKSLIDER IN THE PIT OF SIN; I TRY TO CRAWL OUT, I SLIP BACK IN  
**D**  
COME SAVIOR SAVE ME--GET A-HOLD OF MY HAND  
**G** **D** **A7** **D**  
PLEASE DON'T LET ME SLIDE BACK IN THE DARK AGAIN

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WELL THE PREACHER TOLD ME HOPE WAS NEVER GONE  
**A7** **D**  
I COMBED MY HAIR WITH WATER AND PUT MY WHITE SHIRT ON  
**D**  
ONE SUNDAY MORNING I PUT THE FAMILY IN THE CAR  
**G** **D** **A7** **D**  
DROPPED THEM DOWN AT CHURCH AND WENT ON DOWN TO THE BAR

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AUDREY LEFT ME AND SHE TOOK MY KIDS  
**A7** **D** **D**  
I MISS THEM CHILDREN--I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I DID; WHEN I GET DRINKING I LOSE CONTROL  
**G** **D** **A7** **D**  
WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR FAMILY IT'S LIKE YOU LOST YOUR SOUL

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NOW THE MILL IS FAILING, I'M ON SHIFTING SAND  
**A7** **D** **D** **D**  
I SIT IN MY TRAILER AND I WRING MY HANDS NO CHILDREN'S VOICE; NO WOMAN'S TOUCH  
**G** **D** **A7** **D**  
JUST A WHISKEY BOTTLE, SOME SHOTGUN SHELLS AND SUCH

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SHOULD NOT HAVE LET THAT WOMAN GET ME SO ANNOYED  
**A7** **D**  
SHOULD NOT OF HIT MY GIRL; SHOULD NOT OF STRUCK MY BOY  
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SHOULD NOT OF TOOK OFF RUNNING LIKE A TURKEY THROUGH THE CORN  
**G** **D** **A7** **D**  
SHOULD NOT OF BOUGHT THIS GUN; SHOULD NOT OF EVER BEEN BORN

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THE PREACHER TOLD ME JESUS LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR MY SIN  
**A7** **D**  
WELL I'D LAY MINE DOWN TOO IF I COULD DO IT LIKE HIM  
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THREE DAYS IN THE GRAVE--THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME  
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I JUST HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH ETERNITY

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