

Tupelo

Born with a halo of grease in his hair
In a shotgun shack with a vacant stare
Mama sang hymns through a broken screen door
While he danced with the ghosts on a old dirt floor
A voice too big for the South
He learned to speak truth through a crooked little mouth
He played to the wind with a second-hand tune
And he shook like thunder 'neath the Mississippi moon

(chorus)

Now the lights don't shine like they used to
And the crown became heavy with time
He traded his soul for a gold suit
Til he couldn't see through all the lies
The world called him legend
The mirror said "no"
He's just a boy from Tupelo

He walked through doors most never could find
With conflict of heaven and sin on his mind
They wanted a savior with rhinestone skin
But fame don't forget where the fire has been

(repeat chorus)

Bridge)

When the curtain would close, nobody could see
He was trapped inside his very own dream
A ghost in the spotlight, he swallowed his gold
And he cried through the night and the night grew cold

He sang of love, but he stood alone
In a velvet cage on a hollow throne
The louder they screamed
The more quiet he got
The king was crowned but the man was as forgot

(last chorus)

Now the lights don't shine like they used to
But the songs still carry the flame
The legend lives loud like thunder
But the man just faded away
They built him a castle, then buried it low
God bless the boy from Tupelo

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