

# Elizabethtown

## Verse 1

With the coolness of the autumn,  
she blew in with the wind.  
Father Lee was at his window-  
saw her stagecoach rolling in.  
She'd come from Mississippi,  
a widow on the run,  
still livin' in the shadow  
of the things she had done.

## Verse 2

In a haze of doubt and whiskey-  
a cross around his neck,  
his heart was thin and lonely;  
so temptation stacked the deck.  
She wove a web of secrets.  
And he would hear them all  
then hold her through the nighttime  
as the leaves gave way to fall.

## Chorus

*In that broken place  
with shifting sands of time,  
lost souls came together-  
destinies entwined.  
They held to one another  
as their demons chased them down.  
But in the devil's game, no one wins.  
So they never left Elizabethtown.*

## Verse 3

In his arms, she felt forgiveness-  
she hadn't known before.  
With her, he tasted freedom-  
a new key to heaven's door.  
He told her in the winter  
they would leave the little town.  
He said, "Meet me by the river-  
just before the sun goes down."

## Bridge

That night she packed her bags.  
to set out on her way-  
they would find a new life-  
filled with brighter days.  
But fate came to her door,  
and dreams were quietly killed.  
The past, at last, caught up with her.  
Some wounds never heal.

## Verse 4

He was waiting at the river-  
saw the sunlight disappear.  
She'd failed to keep her promise  
and left him in shame and fear.  
Alone in growing darkness,  
he ended his own life.  
In town, his love lay dying-  
on her bed a bloody knife.

(Chorus)- optional

## Verse 5

Some say that by the river,  
you still can hear him cry  
despite two hundred winters  
that have slowly passed him by.  
And in a haunted bedroom,  
each time the sun goes down,  
a widow packs a suitcase,  
though she can't escape the town.

(Chorus)

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