

Death or Strength Renewed (Jodi's song)

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Key of G

His shaking hands are clasped together, he sits in the front pew
His tired mind prays for either death or strength renewed
All eyes are cast upon him, and it chills him to the bone
To know when he gets home tonight there's just an empty home
The one he loved has just passed on and he'll be there all alone
He'll be there all alone

This here's a story about a boy I knew, who grew-up down on the farm
Had every thing a young man could want, good looks and wit and charm
And it was not booze or girls or dope that he found himself at the end of his rope
It was just from simple grief, that death came like a thief
When his momma died he wasn't far behind
No he wasn't far behind

Chorus:

And there ain't no point in trying to make sense of it all
I tried like hell to be brave for his sake
Looking back I think I may have seen it in his eyes
But who'd have guessed that he'd end it all this way

What was it in those final days, he gave-up hope, embraced malaise
The light once in his eyes just blew out when his daddy found him swinging there
He cried with grief and with despair, nNot only was his whole world gone
You see just last spring his wife passed-on and now he just lost his youngest son

Chorus:

The giift of life is one to be unwrapped, revered and shared
Until the day we're called-up to the home that God's prepared
But sometimes on journey, we tend to lose the way
The path becomes distorted and our burdens heavy weigh
Not knowing where to turn once she was gone, it was the only way he could think of
To be with his mom

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