## The Drought

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There's a silence in the kitchen, and a silence in my soul Guess I've never felt so lonely, and I've never felt so old Tommy's sittin' at the table, and he's lookin' at the bills If this blessed heat don't get him, then a broken spirit will

Now this land's been in my family for over sixty years I grew up on this place, then I raised my children here My folks saw the Great Depression, and survived it on a prayer Now I know just how they felt to see the land so parched and bare

I went walkin' out this evenin', when the sun was hangin' low It used to feel so peaceful, I could hear the new corn grow But the land was dead and silent, and the corn lay on the ground Tho, I watered it with tears, you know, it never made a sound

Now Tom and I are farmers, and this land has been our friend We've fought tight-fisted bankers, when no money would they lend We've worked just like the devil, we laughed when day was through But now this house is silent, and I don't know what to do.

Sometimes there's a whisper, and I can feel the wind come up But it's a sound that gives no comfort, only dust to fill my cup For the land is blowing far away, it's leavin' this old place And sometimes in my dreams I see the wind with Tommy's face

Chorus

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