

E E
Lord, Mary took to running with a travelin' man
E E7
Left her momma crying with her head in her hands
 A / E /
Such a sad case, so broken hearted

She say momma, gotta go, I gotta get outta here
I gotta get out of town; I'm tired of hanging around
I gotta roll on between the ditches

It's just an ordinary story 'bout the way things go
Round and around nobody knows,
but the highway Goes on forever,
 A / E /
that 'ol highway rolls on forever

Lord she never would've done it if she hadn't got drunk
If she hadn't started running with a travelin' man
If she hadn't started taking those crazy chances

She said daughter, let me tell you 'bout the travelin' kind
Everywhere he's goin' such a very short time
He'll be long gone before you know it
He'll be long gone before you know it

Chorus:

C#m B
 She say never have I known it when it felt so good
 A E
 Never have I knew it when I knew I could
 C#m B
 Never have I done it when it looked so right
 A A / /
 Leaving Louisiana in the broad daylight

This is down in the swampland, where anything goes
 It's Alligator Day and the bars don't close
 It's the real thing down in Louisiana

Did you ever see a Cajun when he really got mad
 When he really got trouble like a daughter gone bad
 It gets real hot down in Louisiana

Now the stranger better move it or he's gonna get killed
 He's gonna have to get it or a shotgun will
 It ain't no time for lazy speeches
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Chorus 2x:

It's just an ordinary story 'bout the way things go
 Round and around nobody knows,
 but the highway goes on forever
 There ain't no way to stop the water