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He is a summer's breeze on a summer's afternoon. He is my old man has a heart that is warm. As a heart that is warm. My old man has a heart that is warm. As a heart that is warm.
I've seen his hands; you should see his fingers dance. And when he laugh,

he's as crazy as the moon. I've seen his hands; you should see his fingers dance. And when he laugh,

laughs, he's as crazy as the moon.
I've cried so many tears.

I can't tell you how for I've cried so many tears.

been with him now for nearly sixteen years, But I
He can't seem to lay off the bottle; He just doesn't know when to
stop; Something snaps in his head, and he won't come to bed Till he's finished every
My Old Man has been big in and out of work For as long as I can re-
call; It is all for his grog that he can't hold down a job; And we have nothing much to show for it
all. There's nothing that I need; I am not that way inclined; It just makes my heart bleed to

There's nothing that I need; I am not that way inclined; It just makes my heart bleed to
He can't seem to lay off the bottle; He

see him get so blind.
just doesn't know when to stop; something stops. Know when doesn't.

snaps in his head, and he won't come to bed till he's.
Well, I

finished every drop.  I'll send the kids for a spell with me mum, And I'll
I'm just take some time on my own. We could

But we'd ever work it out. But I'm
talk, but I doubt that we'd ever work it out. But I'm
But he's half my life, Christ, it's almost man - y years; I'm not sure that I could live a - lone. It's been so man - y years; Christ, it's almost half my life, But he's
He can't seem to lay off the married to his beer, and I don't feel much like a wife.
bot-tle; He just doesn't know when to stop; something snaps in his head, and he
had aOld Man
Now, my drop.

won't come to bed Till he's finished every

Guit.

El. Pno.

Str.

El. B.

Drs.

Vo.

drop. Now, my Old Man had a

Guit.

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Drs.

Vo.

Guit.

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Str.

El. B.

Drs.
you should have er with his hands; He was clev noon.

heart that was warm As a breeze on a sum-mer's af ter-

As a heart that was warm As a breeze on a sum-mer's af ter-

noon. He was clev er with his hands; you should have
time, but there's seen his fingers dance. But now he's living in a rented room.

We have seen his fingers dance. But now he's living in a rented room. We meet from time to time, but there's
nothing much to say; We once had something fine, but there's
nothing left today, He

Vo. 81

Guit.
He can't seem to lay off the bottle; He just doesn't know when to stop; Something
snaps in his head, and he won't come to bed Till he's finished every drop. Some-thing
snaps in his head, and he won't come to bed
Till he's finished every drop.
And he's
he's finished every drop.