**Charlie’s Lament**

Many many years ago, on the dusty Rosette Road

An argument was rising from the living room

James was a religious man who spoke about the good Lord’s plan

To bring us all to Heaven when we’re through

He heard it oh so many times but Charlie took it all for lies

There would be one lesson he would learn

So he threw the good book on the ground and James told him to the church go down

And confess your sins or never once return

I’ve done no wrong, why must you make me leave this place where I belong

Why does your heavy hand come down on me so strong

I meant no harm, and now I long to go back to the farm

But until that day, this is where I’ll stay

Many letters to the family sent told of Charlie’s discontent

And begged of James to let the boy come home

But over the years he would not sway and in time young Charlie passed away

And to this day, in that house he roams

I’ve done no wrong, I could never leave this place where I belong

Why did your heavy hand come down on me so strong

I meant no harm, and now I long to go back to the farm

But until that day, this is where I’ll stay

When the sun sets low behind the trees, and everyone is in their dreams

His dark figure in shadows can be seen

When things get lost and can’t be found, search high and low, have a look around

For Charlie may have changed where they have been

I’ve done no wrong, I will never leave this place where I belong

Why did your heavy hand come down on me so strong

I meant no harm, and now that I have come back to the farm

From this day, this is where I’ll stay

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