Leaving Louisiana In The Broad Daylight

By Rodney Crowell

[Verse]

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D
Lord, Mary took to running with a travelling man
                                                                    G
Left her momma crying with her head in her hands such a sad case
            D
So broken hearted

She say, momma, gotta go, gotta get outta here
                                                                    G
Gotta get outta town, tired of hanging around gotta roll on
              D
Between the ditches

Just an ordinary story 'bout the way things go
                                                  G                D
'Round and around, nobody knows but the highway goes on forever
            G                D
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 travelling man
          G                                  D
If she hadn't started taking those crazy chances

She say daughter let me tell you 'bout the travelin' kind everywhere he's goin'
such a very short time
G                                D
He'll be long gone before you know it
G                                D
He'll be long gone Before you know it
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[Chorus]

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        Bm                                          A
She say never have I known it when it felt so good
G                                  D
Never have I knew it when I knew I could
Bm                                      A
Never have I done it when it looked so right
 G
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D
This is down in the swampland, anything goes
                                                                  G
It's alligator bait and the bars don't close it's the real thing
          D
Down in Louisiana
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D
Did you ever see a Cajun when he really got mad when he really got trouble like a daughter goin' bad
G D
It gets real hot down in Louisiana

The stranger better move it or he's gonna get killed
G
He's gonna have to get it or a shotgun will it ain't no time
D G D
For lengthy speeches there ain't no time for lengthy speeches

[Chorus]
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Bm A
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Just an ordinary story 'bout the way things go
G D
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