

Life In Prison  
(Merle Haggard/J. Sanders)

The jury found the verdict first degree  
They swore I planned her death to be  
I prayed they'd sentence me to die  
But they wanted me to live and I know why  
So I'd do life in prison for the wrongs I've done  
And I pray every night for death to come  
My life will be a burden every day  
If I could die my pain might go away

with trembling hands I killed my darling wife  
Because I loved her more than life  
My love for her will last a long long time  
But I'd rather die than live to lose my mind  
And I'll do life in prison for the wrongs I've done  
And I pray every night for death to come  
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The Byrds "Sweetheart Of The Rodeo"  
Columbia Records 1968