

# Original Sin

**Background:** Religious imagery always makes for great lyrics and great metaphors.

This song is about trying to move forward past some mistakes you've made but finding it hard to work through the guilt of it all. You wonder if absolution will come in time, mostly from yourself, and if it will matter. Or if you will just drag this with you for the rest of your life down every road.

**Written:** 2022

| Arr. | Key | Time | Tuning   | Tempo | Style                  | Capo |
|------|-----|------|----------|-------|------------------------|------|
| 1    | Em  | 4/4  | Standard | 130   | Acoustic Southern Rock | None |

| Arrangement | 1                               |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Intro       | Em Am G D x2                    |
| Verse       | Em Am G D x2                    |
| Pre-chorus  | Am C G D x2                     |
| Chorus      | Em G D x2<br>Am C G D<br>Am C D |
| Bridge      | C G D Am<br>C G D Am C          |
| Ending      | D Em                            |

## Chords Used in this Song

| Em | Am | D | G | C |
|----|----|---|---|---|
|    |    |   |   |   |

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## Verse 1

**Em**                    **Am**  
The rain pours down  
                         **G**  
Peppers the windshield  
                         **D**  
Like shotgun blasts  
**Em**                    **Am**  
Drive through the storm  
                         **G**  
Towards nowhere  
                         **D**                                    **Em**  
The road fades into the past  
**Em**                    **Am**  
Red taillights stretch out  
                         **G**  
On wet asphalt  
                         **D**  
Like a lipstick smear  
                         **Em**  
Betrays a secret  
                         **Am**  
They are my target  
                         **G**                                    **D**  
A path to disappear

## Pre-chorus

**Am**                    **C**  
And the road is long  
                         **G**                                    **D**  
With good intentions paved  
**Am**                    **C**  
Right and wrong  
                         **G**                                    **D**  
Separate the damned from the saved

### **Chorus**

**Em      G**

You can't hide from your

**D**

Original sin

**Em      G**

You can't deny your

**D**

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**Am                      C**

Yeah you know your soul

**G                      D**

Is damned to burn from within

**Am              C**

When you're born with

**D**

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### **Verse 2**

**Em              Am**

The rain pours hard

**G**

Sizzles the ground

**D**

Like a frying pan

**Em      Am**

Visibility blurs

**G**

The road obscures

**D**

**Em**

The blood stains on my hands

**Em      Am**

Check the mirror

**G**

For blue and red lights

**D**

Coming up from behind

**Em**            **Am**  
Paranoia rides shotgun

**G**  
Anxiety in back

**D**  
While fear drives you blind

### **Pre-chorus**

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### **Solo**

### Bridge

**C** **G**

The wipers beat like a metronome

**G**

The wet white lines blend

**D**

I can barely focus through this trance

**Am**

Time seems to bend

**C** **G**

Check into a motel with a fake name

**G**

Pull the shades down tight

**D**

Let the shower rain wash these sins off

**Am**

Sleep will come easy tonight

### Verse 3

**Em** **Am** **G**

For every Abel there's a Cain

**D**

An evil triumphs

**Em**

An innocence slain

**Em** **Am**

For every fable

**G**

There's a moral

**D** **Em**

An allegorical refrain

**Em** **Am**

It ain't hard to lose faith

**G** **D**

When you don't have much to lose

**Em**

Darkness swallows you whole

**Am**

With each tragedy

**G**

Faith evaporates

**D**

Like smoke through a keyhole

### **Pre-chorus**

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**Outro Choruses – Optional (Am C G D)**

You play a game  
You know you can never win

The ground opens  
Into the abyss you fall in

The road divides  
And the devil draws you in

The river widens  
And the current drags you in

The ocean cries  
And the rip tide pulls you in

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## Chorus

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### **Bridge**

The wipers beat  
Like a metronome  
The wet white lines blend  
I can barely focus  
Through this trance  
Time seems to bend  
Check into a motel  
With a fake name  
Pull the shades down tight  
Let the shower rain  
Wash theses sins off  
Sleep will come easy tonight

### **Solo**

### **Verse 3**

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| <b>Verse:</b> Em Am G D x2<br><b>Pre-chorus:</b> Am C G D x2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Chorus:</b> Em G D x2<br>Am C G D<br>Am C D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Bridge:</b> C G D Am<br>C G D Am C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Verse 1</b><br>The rain pours down<br>Peppers the windshield<br>Like shotgun blasts<br>Drive through the storm<br>Towards nowhere<br>The road fades into the past<br><br>Red taillights stretch out<br>On wet asphalt ahead<br>Like a lipstick smear<br>Betrays a secret<br>They are my target<br>A path to disappear<br><br><b>Pre-chorus</b><br>And the road is long<br>With good intentions paved<br>Right and wrong<br>Separate the damned from the saved<br><br><b>Chorus</b><br>You can't hide from your<br>Original sin<br>You can't deny your<br>Original sin<br>Yeah you know your soul<br>Is damned to burn from within<br>When you're born with<br>Original sin<br><br><b>Verse 2</b><br>The rain pours hard<br>Sizzles the ground<br>Like a frying pan<br>Visibility blurs<br>The road obscures<br>The blood stains on my hands | Check the mirror<br>For blue and red lights<br>Coming up from behind<br>Paranoia rides shotgun<br>Anxiety in back<br>While fear drives you blind<br><br><b>Pre-chorus</b><br><br><b>Chorus</b><br><br><b>Bridge</b><br>The wipers beat<br>Like a metronome<br>The wet white lines blend<br>I can barely focus<br>Through this trance<br>Time seems to bend<br>Check into a motel<br>With a fake name<br>Pull the shades down tight<br>Let the shower rain<br>Wash these sins off<br>Sleep will come easy tonight<br><br><b>Verse 3</b><br>For every Abel there's a Cain<br>An evil triumphs<br>An innocence slain<br>For every fable<br>There's a moral<br>An allegorical refrain<br><br>It ain't hard to lose faith<br>When you never had much to lose<br>Darkness swallows you whole<br>With each tragedy<br>Faith evaporates<br>Like smoke through a keyhole | <b>Pre-chorus</b><br><br><b>Chorus</b><br><br><b>Outro Choruses - Optional</b><br>You play a game<br>You know you can never win<br><br>The ground opens<br>Into the abyss you fall in<br><br>The road divides<br>And the devil draws you in<br><br>The river widens<br>And the current drags you in<br><br>The ocean cries<br>And the rip tide pulls you in<br><br>When you're born with<br>Original sin<br><br>When you're born with<br>Original sin |