

Birmingham
Shovels & Rope

[Verse 1]

G
Delta Mama and a Nickajack Man
Em
Raised their Cumberland daughters in a Tennessee band
D
Played Springwater at Station Inn
C **Em**
Couldn't play fast, couldn't fit in

G
Caught a '66 Dodge in Caroline
Em
Got her education on her mama's dime
D
She was singing in a bar called Comatose
C **Em**
Halfway rusted on the salty coast

[Chorus]

C **G**
Rock of Ages, cleave for me
C **G** **Em** **G**
Let me hide myself in Thee
G **C** **Em**
Buried in the sand
C **G** **D** **G**
Five hundred miles from Birmingham

[Verse 2]

G
Rockamount Cowboy in a rock and roll band
G **Em**
Plugged his amplifier in all across the land
D
Athens, Georgia on a Friday night
C **Em**
Saw that little girl, she could sing alright
G
Spent five years going from town to town
G **Em**
Waiting on that little girl to come around

D
Caught in the arms of New York City
C **Em**
To lose that gal seemed terrible pity

[Chorus]

C **G**
Rock of Ages, cleave for me
C **G** **Em** **G**
Let my heart forget a beat
G **C** **Em**
Why do you demand
C **G** **D** **G**
Calling me from Birmingham

[Verse 3]

Em
Pulled her covered wagon off the BQE
Em **G**
Said this ll be the last you ll ever see of me
Em
Well the cowboy laughed said I know it s not true
Em **G**
Cause there s nothing I could do to get loose from you

G
Made a little money playing in the bars
G **Em**
With two beat up drums and two old guitars
C
From the Crescent City to the Great Salt Lake
C **Em**
It ain t what you got, it s what you make

[Instrumental]

G **Em** **C** **Em**

[Bridge]

G
When the road got rough and the wheels all broke
Em
Couldn t take more then we could tow
G
Making something out of nothing with a scratcher and our hope
C **G**

With two old guitars like a shovel and a rope

[Chorus]

C **G**
Rock of Ages, cleave for me

C **G** **Em** **G**
Let me hide myself in Thee

G **C** **Em**
Now I understand

C **G** **D** **G**
On better terms since Birmingham

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