

Big Fish, Shallow Water (Buddy Mondlock)

It's flat out here and telephone poles grow
All along the road to Refugio
Copano Bay turns brown and grey
When a norther blows in

To the sun brown family fishing in the shallows
I'm just wind and the sound of wheels
That don't slow down, going 'round and 'round
And it never ends

CHORUS

Try to pull a big fish
Out of shallow water
Somewhere
Under there

Past the twilight towns through the white strip windshield
Billboards burn in the winter wheat fields
Stealing fire from electrical wires
That dim the stars

Wash me down 'til I'm bathed in the blue light
Television glow of a motel midnight
Sight unseen you can buy your dreams
With a credit card

(CHORUS)

In the dishwater dawn it's NBC
And an IED and a casualty count
Mountain of youth
The president's truth in a body bag

Meanwhile there's a family dreaming on their new home
Fishing by the road with everything they own
In an Olds 88 with Mexican plates
And an American flag

(CHORUS)