

## Tannin Bed Song

Shawn Mullins

Maria lays in the tannin' bed  
And reads the Tuesday news  
She's down there every week at the same time  
With the same ol' blues

She reads the funny papers  
And then the classifieds  
And if she ain't too sleepy  
There's a weather report on the flip side

And this Kansas life is a hard one  
For a girl from Miami  
You're just starin' out at the oil fields  
And that's all that I can see

Her old man's in the same place  
Since the company let him go  
Just sippin' the Paps Blue Ribbon  
An' cussin' Amoco

Maria drives home from the tannin' bed  
And the black clouds roll across the sky  
She pulls into the trailer park, and pops the  
Trunk and calls the kids outside

Said, "There's a twister comin'  
And you haven't got a clue  
I ain't going to sit here in this double  
Wide and wait around for you"

" 'Cause I'm takin' the microwave oven  
And I'm takin' the color TV  
And I'm packin' up the Chevy  
With the kids and what's left of me"

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For a girl from Miami  
Just starin' out at the oil fields