# Alcohol And Pills

Fred Eaglesmith 1997



**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[Em7no5] ↓** Hank Williams, he **[C] ↓** came up from Montgomery

With a **[D] ↓** heart full of broken country **[Em] ↓** songs

But **[Em] ↓** Nashville, Tennessee **[C] ↓** didn’t really understand him

‘Cause **[D] ↓** he did things differently, than the **[Em] ↓** way that they were done

But when he **[C]** finally made it to the Grand Ol’ Opry

**[Em]** He made it stand still

He **[D]** ended up on alcohol and **[Em]** pills **[Em]**

**[Em]** Elvis Presley **[C]** he came up from Jackson

With a **[D]** brand new way of singin’, Lord, and a **[Em]** brand new way of dancin’

And **[Em]** even from the waist up, Lord, he **[C]** gave the world a thrill

He **[D]** ended up on alcohol and **[Em]** pills **[Em]**

**CHORUS:**

**[G]** Alcohol and pills **[D]** it’s a cryin’ shame

You’d **[Am]** think they might’ve been happy with the **[C]** glory and the **[C]** fame

But **[G]** fame doesn’t take away the pain **[D]** it just pays the bills

And you **[Am]** wind up on **[C]** alcohol and **[Em]** pills **[Em]**

**[Em]** Janis Joplin **[C]** she was wild and reckless

And **[D]** then there was Gram Parsons, Lord, and **[Em]** then there was Jimi Hendrix

Well the **[Em]** story just goes on and on, and I **[C]** guess it always will

They **[D]** ended up on alcohol and **[Em]** pills **[Em]**

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**BRIDGE:**

**[Am] ↓** Sometimes somebody, just **[Em] ↓** doesn’t wake up one day

**[Am] ↓** Sometimes it’s a heart attack, some-**[D]↓**times they just don’t say

But they **[Em]** pulled poor old Hank Williams

Out of a **[C]** Cadillac Coupe de Ville

He **[D]** ended up on alcohol and **[Em]** pills **[Em]**

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And you **[Am]** wind up on **[C]** alco-**[D]**hol and **[Em]** pills **[Em]↓**



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