

Written by Penny Jay. Carl Butler and Pearl, a husband and wife duo, were the first artists to record and release the song in 1962. It reached number one on the US Country Chart. Jim Reeves recorded a popular version the following year. Other notable cover versions include those by Jerry Lee and Linda Gail Lewis in 1969 and Dolly Parton in 1996.

## Lyrics

Don't let me cross over  
Love's cheating line  
I'm tempted, my darling  
To steal you away  
So help me my darling  
Stay out of my way  
You know that I love you  
And I'm not the stealing kind  
I'm faced with all heartaches  
Of love's cheating line

Don't let me cross over  
Love's cheating line  
You belong to another  
And could never be mine  
I know one step closer  
Would be heaven divine  
Don't let me cross over  
Love's cheating line

I tried to forget you  
But what else can I do  
When your eyes keep on saying  
That you love me too  
I know if I lose you  
Not a dream will I have left  
I don't want to cheat, dear  
But I can't help myself

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Love's cheating line  
You belong to another  
And could never be mine  
I know one step closer  
Would be heaven divine  
Don't let me cross over  
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