

# BETWEEN THE RIVER AND THE ROAD

## LAY YOUR BODY DOWN

It's 82 degrees, ten-thirty  
Full moon spinning round and round  
Why do I get the feeling  
you're messing with me?  
Come on, baby, lay your body down

We've been passing like dancers in the night  
Our feet they barely touch the ground  
I want to see you undressing for me  
Come on, baby, lay your body down

I see your skin shimmering  
In the pale moon light  
Is it such a sin  
For me to want to hold you  
Through the night?

It's 81 degrees, eleven-thirty  
Sweet smell of honey suckle abounds  
Santa Ana wind blowing your shirt wide open  
Come on, baby, lay your body down

I see your skin shimmering  
In the pale moon light  
Is it such a sin  
For me to want to hold you  
Through the night?

It's 80 degrees, twelve-thirty  
Crickets are too tired to make a sound  
I hear your heart's soft beat  
As our lips meet  
Come on, baby, lay your body down

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## MERCY TOWN

I'm going down to Mercy Town  
Going to have myself a look around, oh yeah  
I'm going where the sun shines bright  
And everybody's soul is filled with light,  
oh yeah

And there's no need for struggle,  
no need for tears  
No need for irrational fears  
No need to worry about what's coming round...  
In Mercy Town

I'm going down to Mercy Town  
Where music is the only sound  
I'm going where the dogs run free  
And time stands still and waits for you and me,  
oh yeah

And there's no need for hunger,  
no need for pills  
No injustice and no ill will  
No need to worry about what's coming down...  
In Mercy Town

I'm going down to Mercy Town  
Bought my ticket, that's where I'm bound,  
Mercy Town

I'm going where the flowers bloom  
And peoples' spirits soar up to the moon  
And there's no need for stealing from the poor  
No need for greed, cheating or senseless war  
No need to worry 'bout what going down...  
In Mercy Town

I'm going down to Mercy Town  
Going to take a stroll around, lie down on the  
ground in Mercy Town  
I'm going where the sun shines bright  
And everybody's soul is filled with light,  
oh yeah

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## PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY

Roll down the windows, turn up the heat  
Beat a hasty retreat down that street  
Turn the radio up all the way  
Take a trip down Pacific Coast Highway

Street light colors melt through your tears  
You haven't felt like this in a million years  
Cast your fate and your faith to the wind  
You're driving down Pacific Coast Highway,  
again

Familiar feelings slap at the shore  
The moonlight sparkles on waves of black  
You've hit the ceiling, it's four to the floor  
There's no turning back

Feel the cold wind tangle your hair  
As night lays open your soul to bare  
Nothing matters, anyway  
When you're speeding down Pacific Coast  
Highway

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## IN THE HEART OF THE STORM

In the heart of the storm  
In the heat of the night  
As you lay here beside me  
Holding me tight  
In the flash of the thunder  
And the bolt of the light  
In the heart of the storm  
Everything is all right

In the heart of the storm  
In the cold of the dawn  
Your love rides along side of me  
And keeps us strong  
The wind it may shake us  
With all of its might  
But in the heart of the storm  
Everything is all right

Time goes by so slowly  
When the rain is pouring down  
Even though you're here to hold me  
I know, I just might drown

In the heart of the storm  
Let the waters rise  
With you here to guide me  
I will survive  
And if it's my turn to go, now  
I won't put up a fight  
'Cause in the heart of the storm  
Everything is all right

In the heart of the storm,  
In the deep of the calm  
I feel you inside me  
Rolling on  
And through a river of darkness  
I see your light,  
And in the heart of the storm  
Everything is all right

In the heart of the storm  
Everything is all right

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## HIGH TIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

High times and misdemeanors  
Sheriff's back in town  
There are no losers or winners  
When you're this far down  
Sirens are blasting  
I'm too lost to be found  
Lovers can't be choosers  
When their guns are in the ground

Lights flashing in passing  
They say crime doesn't pay  
I'm not saying, I'm just asking  
I'll know for sure come judgment day  
There's a bucket in the sand filled with bounty  
You've got the right of way  
I'll probably die in Tulare  
But you could still get to L.A.

Call me a thief or a gambler  
Either way, I just lost my bet  
Time may be running out for me  
But there's hope for you, yet

If I could change just one thing  
That night out on the terrace...  
I'd have taken off your wedding ring

Coyotes howl at that train whistle  
Dogs barking at the moon  
This old meat has turned to gristle  
Probably turn to dust, soon  
Time is of the essence  
On this last day in June  
Meet me at the station  
On some other afternoon

Call me a thief or a gambler  
Either way, I just lost my bet  
Time may be running out for me  
But there's hope for you, yet  
Hope for you yet  
Hope for you yet  
Hope for you yet

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## THE HARD WAY DOWN

I'm traipsing through the moonscape  
As if I cannot see  
I'm sleeping through the shadow play  
Pretending to be free  
The road I walk is a bumpy one  
Though I barely make a sound  
As I careen off cliffs above  
Taking the hard way down

I'm drifting on the summer wind  
Trying not to leave my mark  
Sometimes when two souls collide  
There's not even one spark  
Not so with you, my love  
You've charred me to the ground  
As I careen off cliffs above  
Taking the hard way down

The hard way down  
The hard way down  
It's the only way to fly  
The hard way down  
The hard way down

You really ought to give it a try

And as the days grow shorter  
I fear to say goodbye  
I'm fragile as a bird's wing  
Without the will to fly  
Your arms like broken branches  
Reach up to make my crown  
As I careen off cliffs above  
Taking the hard way down

The hard way down  
The hard way down  
It's the only way to fly  
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The hard way down  
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## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

I'm walking down Main Street  
Hustling for spare change  
Wishing people wouldn't  
Look at me like I was strange

Got my dog and my rain coat  
My cardboard box  
Don't need much these days  
Don't need no locks

America the beautiful  
Home of the brave and free  
America the beautiful  
How could you ever...  
Turn your back on me?

A woman walks toward me  
Five dollars in her hand  
Stuffs it in my cup  
Trips over a grain of sand

I know I'll never see her again  
Anytime later or soon  
But tonight in my newspaper bed  
I'll dream of her under the moon

America the beautiful  
Home of the brave and free  
America the beautiful  
How could you ever...  
Turn your back on me?

Some things you'd like to forget  
Like how you got to where you are  
Some things you regret  
Some things have simply gone too far

First tour of duty  
I came back lucky to be alive  
Fifth tour of duty  
A land mine took my eye

But I could still see in my dreams  
Bombs bursting like fireworks  
Body parts raining down  
On foreign dirt

America the beautiful  
Home of the brave and free  
America the beautiful  
How could you ever...  
Turn your back on me?

Now I'm going to crawl off  
Sleep under a bridge somewhere  
Out of sight, out of mind  
Going to vanish into air

And hope that tomorrow's the day  
When I wake up  
To find that red, white & blue...  
Rainbow in my cup

America the beautiful  
Home of the brave and free  
America the beautiful  
How could you ever...  
Turn your back on me?

America the beautiful  
Home of the brave and free  
America the beautiful  
Land of peace and prosperity  
America the beautiful  
God shed his grace on thee

How could you ever...  
Turn your back on me?

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# BETWEEN THE RIVER AND THE ROAD

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## TAKE ME FOR A RIDE

The valley below us  
Gleams like a thousand jewels  
Diamonds and rubies  
Emeralds and pearls

We roll down the windows  
A warm breeze rushes through  
Like yesterday's memories  
Of time spent with you

Take me for a ride  
The way you used to do  
Our love's just over the horizon  
And out in the blue  
Take me for a ride  
Take me back when  
It all came so easily  
We thought it never would end

The hum of the engine  
As you take every turn  
Some things you are born with  
Some you must learn

There's a rhyme and a reason  
Why things turn out like they do  
This late in the season  
I find myself here with you.

Take me for a ride  
The way you used to do  
Our love's just over the horizon  
And out in the blue  
Take me for a ride  
Take me back when  
It all came so easily  
We thought it never would end

Now we sit at the crossroads  
Moon waning, it's getting late  
Don't look back, dear

Ignore the rain  
Put your hands on the wheel  
Keep your eyes straight ahead  
Let the tires squeal  
We'll sleep when we're dead

Take me for a ride  
The way you used to do  
Our love's just over the horizon  
And out in the blue  
Take me for a ride  
Take me back when  
It all came so easily  
We thought it never would end  
We thought it never would end

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## I'LL BE AROUND

It's a long way home  
When you're riding all alone  
After living a love that's a lie  
It's a short slip to the bottle  
With your foot on the throttle  
And you can't see the road  
for the fear in your eye

You're barreling down that  
Long lonesome highway  
Heading for the outskirts of town  
Hoping that when you'll be arriving...  
I'll be around

It's a steep climb up  
When you're out of luck  
After selling your soul down the river  
And just a quick trip  
To a sinking ship  
To be with the one who still  
Makes your heart quiver

You're barreling down that  
Long lonesome highway  
Heading for the outskirts of town  
Hoping that when you'll be arriving...  
I'll be around

There's something so familiar here  
Something just smells right  
You'll bury your sorrows in my beer  
Till dawn's naked light  
And it won't take long

To forget that song  
She was singing from your lap of luxury  
And it'll be the twelfth of never  
Before you say forever  
To another girl so pretty

It's a hundred miles to forgiveness  
And it's none of my business  
But I'm really wishing you would stay here  
'Cause it's a split second to heaven  
When you're making love again  
With the one who will always hold you dear

You're barreling down that  
Long lonesome highway  
Heading for the outskirts of town  
Hoping that when you'll be arriving...  
I'll be around

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## I'LL LOVE YOU LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW

Time is no friend of the fallen  
Hurt no friend of the loved  
If you would just see me the way that I am  
And forget about the way that I was

I will love you like there's no tomorrow  
Hold you like I did yesterday  
Kiss away the heartache and sorrow  
Like there's no tomorrow, just today

Chances are like shells on the seashore  
Swallowed up to drown  
I'm riding on this seesaw of love  
Please don't let me crash to the ground

'Cause I'll love you like there's no tomorrow  
Hold you like I did yesterday  
Kiss away the heartache and sorrow  
Like there's no tomorrow, just today, just today

I send you this note in this box of chocolates  
I send you my heart on a sleeve  
I send you a plea in the way that I sign it  
Love, me...love me!

Days drift into nighttime  
Like dollars down the drain  
I'll picture you at the end of the line  
Seeing me through eyes without blame

And I'll love you like there's no tomorrow  
Hold you like I did yesterday  
Kiss away the heartache and sorrow  
Like there's no tomorrow, just today

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## BETWEEN THE RIVER AND ROAD

Between the river and the road  
I have walked this path before  
Scorched by fire, clenched in cold  
On my way to distant shore

Between the mountains and the sky  
Like a bird I too have soared  
Stopped to often to ask why  
On my way to distant shore

Road it may crumble, tumble and fall  
River run through it, rumbling all night long  
River keep going whether low or high  
River come back again, after the river run dry

Between the laughter and the pain  
I have walked this path before  
Bathed by sunlight, drenched in rain  
On my way to distant shore

Between the river and the road  
Lulled by angels, racked by war  
Oldest story ever told  
To lay my head on distant... shore

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