

A Better South

American Aquarium

I was born in the shade of a longleaf pine
The proud southern son of Caroline
Proud of who I am and where I'm from
But I ain't so proud of how far we've come

On the backs of the poor these towns were built
Where every ounce of pride comes with a pound of guilt
There's a shadow here, looms long and black
It's always one step forward and two steps back

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Is the one you won't chase down
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Yes I believe in a better South

Down here we're still fighting for all the wrong reasons
Old men still defend these monuments to treason
To the right side of history, we're always late
Still arguing the difference between heritage and hate

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I'm sick and tired of listening to Daddy's generation
The byproduct of war and segregation
Still thinking they can tell us of what to do
Who can live where and who can love who

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