It used to be that You could up and thumb a ride from Nashville to L.A. And everyone who stopped and picked you up Would get you high along the way

And it used to be that You could fall in and out of love in an afternoon And then fall again that evening And not think that it was happening too soon

But it's hard to be a hippie anymore
It hurts more now
Waking up on the floor
Oh, it's still free
But it ain't easy like before
It's hard to be a hippie anymore

Fire it up boys

It used to be just walking down the street Would make the people stop and stare Now all the cowboys and the preppies And the rednecks and the yuppies have long hair

But I was always going places
In my head and seeing things that blew my mind
Now the only thing I'm trippin' on
Are my own two feet, trying to keep up with the times
Ah yeah, you know that's right

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Lord, it's still free
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