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Colorado passes by like writing on a wall Headed eastward down to New Orleans Dipping into Texas as the stars are fading out There's still a lot of country in between

When I left California I was 29 years old And the world just spun me around Now I watched Louisiana scroll across the window pane And I'm facing the direction I am bound

Cover up the sun Let the river run Make that waters come Wash me away

Me, Clifton and the king of cats
We sat down in the road
Pedro said, boys, we're three of kind
He said I sat with river rats and I hung my hat with diplomats
Had four brothers once upon a time

He said they tore the country far away from the Rio Grande And the road just wore them down So they bought a house beside a lake, outside of New Orleans And they stared in the direction of the escalating sound

Cover up the sun Let the river run Take this good man's son And wash him away

Well Sister indeciperable is talking to a wall Back in New York city, she's a queen (in New York she's a queen) Well, resurrect or genuflect, she saves the one she can't protect Keeps the chapel Pris', if not Sis' tine

She drinks Absinthe mixed with Kerosene to keep herself upright But the word still brings her down
If you can't keep your shit together
When God is on your side
What chance do you have when he's not around?

Cover up the sun Make that water run Let the river come To wash me away

People of the Mardi Gras, in their Tuesday best Waiting for the South to rise again Children of Geronimo grieving for the West Feather dressed and marching their refrain

Oh in the dark of Armstrong Park the marching bands ascend But they never make a sound Just a quiet prayer for Congo Square A silent conversation there With the night to rest our eyes in We just look to the horizon for a change

Cover up the sun
Let the river run
I pray the water come and wash me away
Color in the sky
Make that diesel fly
Oh, just lay me down to die and just take me away
Yeah