

Bodysnatchers

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Everything's predictable in little river towns
Barges and tobacco, drinking straight Kentucky brown
Mama's bunions swelling when there's evil creeping round
Like bodysnatchers

You know she used to tell me she was gazing out at space
I can feel them coming down to pilfer and erase
And I should have told you the first time that I saw you face to face
That you're a bodysnatcher

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Twenty years of lining down the tracks
Mama said next time you see the bodysnatchers
Tell them all they'd better get back

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Each Mississippi river queen tries to play the saint
This far down the river you pretend you what you ain't
I'm the son of a son of a pioneer gun, I slather on the paint
Like a bodysnatcher

The nameless tombstones crumble o'er the graves of Cairo kings
When there's high water everywhere it covers everything
And when the sun comes out of nowhere you can hear the birdies sing
You're the bodysnatcher

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I guess if it was up to me I'd probably let you live
But Mama, when you cross her, she's slower to forgive
She'll stick you full of pins and leave you bleeding like a sieve
For bodysnatching

So when you come around here you best be waving something white
A pillowcase or a handkerchief ought to get the message right
And you oughta try not thieving things in the middle of the night
Don't be a bodysnatcher

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