

# The Day The Mississippi Died

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Way up on the Erie they like their chops so fat  
I've seen the League of Women lick their fingers like a cat  
While out in California they like their soya beans  
I pretty much eat anything from soup to turnip greens

I try to treat my neighbors like I like them to treat me  
Even when they got that dog and cut down that tree  
I hate that barking dog I miss that old oak everyday  
But I don't expect everyone to see the world my way

Now the truth is hard to swallow it's hard to take  
But I do believe we've broken what we never knew could break  
I'm just so disappointed in me and you  
But we can't even argue so what else can we do

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Fill 'em up and over the brim boys  
There's whiskey but the water's done run dry  
So we're drinking to the end  
Of a long long friend  
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Now the other day I saw a living picture torn from Hell  
Taken down in Kensington a place you all know well  
I saw demons laughing, breaking people just for play  
I cried at the table then I put my tears away

I dug my hands deep into the black Mother Earth  
Tried to raise my spirits up for what it's worth  
You laughed and said "Aw honey, now what did you expect?"  
Not these tears and nightmare years where madness goes unchecked

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My pony he did stumble and sent me to the sky  
When the jury brought the verdict it was the blue-tail fly  
I'm thinking that this melody has lasted long enough  
The subject's entertaining but the rhymes are pretty rough

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