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He rolled up in his Nova like it was 1975
He had his old pal Gene shotgun by his side
They'd talk local politics and the Celtics as we'd ride
On torn and tattered leather, I'd sink down low and hide
From the worries and the sorrows that I felt in this young life
But when I was with my grandfather, somehow it seemed alright
I was sent off with him and told I'd better learn how to behave
I was taught all that and more amongst the Chesterfields and aftershave
We drove straight for the local
We didn't travel far
There, I'd sit up nice and tall
And have my chips and my soda at the bar
If you could come back now
And we could take a drive around
And I could play you this song
You'd probably say it's way too loud
If you could come back now
If you were out there in the crowd
You'd know that I turned out okay and I
I hope I'd make you proud
I hope I'd make you proud
And I wish that you were there with me in October of '04
On that field in St. Louis, something we'd never seen before
And I wish you could've been there to meet and know my kids
And tell 'em all about the funny, crazy things we did
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We didn't travel far
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I'd say I've come a long way since the days you left this world
When I descended into madness and the tragedy unfurled
Yeah, this one really hurt, it really cut me to the bone
Knocked me down and knocked me out
It made me question everything I'd ever known
(Oh, oh)
(Oh, oh)
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(Oh, oh)
He rolled up in his Nova like it was 1975 (Oh, oh)
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