Thoroughfare

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You fell in love with America when you were 12 years old
And by 17 you knew you had to see it all
You loved your dad and the love he had for your mother so
You had to get out and go chasin' it's sweet call

I met you there in Texas somewhere on the thoroughfare
On the side of the road in some torn up clothes with a pistol i
n my pocket
I didn't trust no one but you said "Baby, don't run, I'll take
you anywhere"
So I hopped right in, outta luck to spend, and at least your tr
uck beats walking

And you said "Hey, do you wanna see the west with me?
Cause love's out there and I can't leave it be"
And I said "Honey, love's never meant much to me
But I'll come with you if you're sure it's what you need"

So we made off for California to find your lover, driving day a
nd night
And every small town diner saw our faces at least once or twice
But in these motel rooms, I started to see you differently
Cause for the first time since I was a child, I could see a man
 who wasn't angry

And he said "It's been a long damn time since I left Florida, n
o one left to leave, no one left to love
But now that I met you, I finally know just where I'm headin'"
And we found heaven in time where your western sunshine met my
deep southern wet
And you got lost in it and yet you found yourself hard pressed
for air and sweatin'

And you said "Hey, do you wanna see the west with me?
(Do you wanna see the west with me?)
Cause love's out there and I can't leave it be"
(I can't leave it, I can't leave it)
And I said "Honey, love's never meant that much to me
(Nothing much)
But I'll come with you if you're sure it's what you need"

Once we reached the coast you said "End of the line, we finally
 hit the edge, after all this time
I didn't find my love but I still made it this far without it"
But then you turned to me and stared into me deep and said "But
 maybe not, cause look at what I've got
You might not be my love, but, baby, I doubt it"

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And I said "Honey, love's never meant much to me
But I'll come with you if you're sure it's what you need"

Cause in your pickup truck with all of your dumb luck is the on
ly place I think I'd ever wanna be

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