

If It Don't Bleed

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Looking back down the road from a little ways out
I never had a fear and I never had a doubt
If I'd had a lick of sense I'd have figured that out pretty fast

But I wasn't any smarter than the average kid
Somebody might have noticed but I never did
I never saw the future fading right into the past

Talking to the wallpaper
Wandering the halls
I burned a lot of bridges and I dropped a lot of balls
It's a wonder I can ever go back to any place I've been

But I wouldn't get down on my knees on a bet
I'm near enough to Jesus as I ever want to get
Seeking salvation isn't part of my general plan

Save your prayers for yourself
I raise my glass to your health
I don't mind if you don't look like me

I can share my bread and wine
I come from another time
It don't matter all that much if it don't bleed
If it don't bleed

Now it's all I can do just to get out of bed
There's more in the mirror than there is up ahead
I smile and I nod like I heard what you said every time

So run another rack
Pour another shot
You don't get it back so give it all you got
While you still got a more or less functional body and mind

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I learned to answer my calls and open my mail
I paid my taxes and I stayed out of jail
You stay in the game when you're too broke to fail
That's a fact

Talking to the wallpaper
Sleeping in the hall
Your bones get brittle so you better not fall
You slow to a crawl
Time gets to balling the jack

Run you right off the track

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