

# Long Shadow

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Well, I'll tell you one thing that I know  
You don't face your demons down  
You gotta grab 'em, jack  
And pin 'em to the ground  
The Devil may care and maybe God, he won't  
You better make sure you check on the dos and the don'ts  
Crawl up the mountain  
To reach where the eagles fly  
Sure you can glimpse from the mountaintop  
Where the soul of the muse might rise

And if you put it all together  
You won't have to look around  
You know you cast a long shadow on the ground

Then one day, I could tell my tracks  
By the holes in the soles of my shoes  
And that's the day I said I'm gonna make the news  
I've fallen back in the garden  
Of days so long ago  
Somewhere in the memory  
The sun shines on you, boy  
Playing in the Arroyos  
Where the American rivers flow  
From the Appalachians  
Down to the Delta Roads  
A man can't think so long  
His brain could well explode  
There's trains running through the junctions  
A king comes down the road

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Listen to the Country  
'The Night Jar and the Bell'  
Listen to the Night Streamliner  
Sounding like the wolves of Hell  
Head for the water, the waters of the cleansing spell  
It was always our destination  
On the express of the Neer Do Wells  
And we rock through Madison City  
And we didn't even know she was there  
And when we hit the Buffers in Memphis  
And Beale street didn't have no prayer  
And I hear punks talk of anarchy, I hear hobos on the railroads  
I hear mutterings on the chain-gangs  
It was those men who built the roads

And if you put it all together  
You didn't even once relent  
You cast a long shadow  
And that is your testament

Somewhere in my soul  
There's always rock and roll, yeah