

When the Wheels Don't Move

Son Volt

Who'll work the assembly line?
Who'll pull the freight on time?
Who'll work the all night haul?
Who'll explain it all when the wheels don't move?

Bigger chariots didn't save Rome
Easy money didn't stay at home
They said the iron horse would always roam
Who'll tell the children when the wheels don't move?

Man's power over nature
Hubris and greed let the fossil fuels burn
No way to keep the wings in flight
When the turbine engines don't move

Going green a casino catch phrase
Ethanol's made of smoke and mirrors
Who makes the decision to feed the tanks
And not the mouths when the wheels don't move?
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Red planet as salvation
Divine hope turns to depredation
Who'll be left to make that station?
Devoid of God and nation we trust
The wheels don't move

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