She was reading a book that she'd already read Just to pass the time

He just sat there and stared at the TV set

Like he was barely alive

And when the local news was over

They would climb the stairs

And crawl in bed underneath the covers

Like neither one was there

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Across the great divide
The songs that they once sang
Now echo far and wide
They could still get back
All the love that they have lost
(But) only if they both will reach across
('Cause) it's a long, long way to the other side
Of the great divide

He was up in the attic on the fourth of July
'Cause they flew a flag in the yard
When he found some old roses she had long ago dried
Before they drifted apart
And how the years had slipped right by them
He didn't understand
He carried a petal into the kitchen
And he placed it in her hand

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