

One Way Street

Tom Robinson

We loved you like a brother, boy, we loved you like a son
So young and wild and handsome, so reckless, so dumb
You dived with the devil and you never met defeat
Until you drove the wrong way up a one-way street

You somehow passed your driving test when you were 17
You bought a beat-up trail bike and tweaked it till it screamed
You dragged us to the business park to see your maiden run
That fatal foggy Sunday when you planned to do the ton

I've roamed the roads and motorways
The highways great and small
The B roads and the C roads
Why, I've driven down them all
One place you'll never find me though
As long as I can breathe
Is driving the wrong way up a one-way street

Your carburetor deafened us as down the road you sped
And roared towards the warning signs 200 yards ahead
You gave us all a thumbs-up as you hit your target speed
And disappeared the wrong way up a one-way street

Now even as a toddler you never would be told
You always went your own way because that's the way you rolled
We heard you hit the tanker as it swerved into a tree
Far in the foggy distance up that one-way street

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You girls and boys of every land, come listen to my song
The fact that someone's older doesn't always make them wrong
Be kind to one another, don't forget to brush your teeth
And never drive the wrong way up a one-way street

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