

You Are Not Needed Now

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Well, the birds were talking all at once
And the old man moving down his lawn
He didn't look like much too bad a guy
And I was thinkin' hang on, man, something's wrong
Your blues they do seems to be gone
Heaven ain't bad but you don't get nothing done

Lay down your head a while
You are not needed now, you are not needed now

Well, Allison laid a hex on me
And every time I turn around
It's swimming through the air above my bed
I told Miss Higgs and she said fine
As long as you're back in your room on time
I keep you clean and the girls will keep you fed

Lay down your head with mine
You are not needed now and we got things to do

Well between the blankets made of wool
The trains go by every half an hour
And the body can get no restin' done, that's true
So I spend my time as best I can
Thinkin' big and making plans
And wondering where them trains are rolling to

Lay down your head poor boy
Feel how the ground does move and hear how them drivers sing

Well, goodbye friends, it's time to close
Everybody knows that's the way it goes
And where was it you lived in case I'm ever there
Well, three doors down and two behind
And it gets a little bit out of hand sometimes
Don't let it fool you into thinkin' you down care

Lay down your head and fly
And I'll quietly pass you by you won't even see me go

Well if I thought about it long enough
I just might make some kind of move
Watchful lies are too hard on the soul
With the smoke house just across the way
And it's fog upon the light of day
That would be hard but comin' up with where to go

Lay down your head poor boy
And feel how the ground does move, hear how them drivers sing
And what now, my darling one, go find a little fun
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