She had a dream
And boy, it was a good one
So she chased after her dream
With much desire

But when she got too close To her expectations Well, the dream burned up Like paper in fire

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Stinkin' up the ashtrays
Paper in fire
Smokin' up the alleyways
Who's to say the way
A man should spend his days
Do you let them smolder
Like paper in fire?

He wanted love
With no involvement
So he chased the wind
That's all his silly life required

And the days of vanity Went on forever And he saw his days burn up Like paper in fire

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There's a good life Right across this green field And each generation Stares at it from afar

But we keep no check
On our appetites
So the green fields turn to brown
Like paper in fire

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