

## **Don't Bury Me**

It makes no difference now just where it started  
out  
I went off on my own one day and I never turned  
around  
Following no trail and howling all the way  
There's just things you do when you're out here  
That I cannot explain

My mother must've been a coyote in some other  
life  
When I was just a lonely predator out wandering  
the night  
There's nothing you can't do and all you've gotta  
do is try  
I've been out here a long time now but I am still  
alive

Don't you bury me  
Don't you bury me  
Leave me in the sunshine  
For the birds to pick me clean

## **Don Houston**

I knew a man some time ago  
With a Colt .45 hidden in his duster coat  
Two pitbulls and a broken heart  
Don Houston was the name that they gave him  
But he would've settled for Rex, or Ahab or Butch  
If they'd left it up to him

He went out with his gun one day  
Well, he came across a stranger and he shot him in  
the face, and when the bears and the hawks came  
around for the food, he fired again  
He shot them too

And every time he pulled the trigger  
It was the most beautiful thing that you ever saw  
His brush was the bullet  
His paint was the blood  
His canvas was the earth  
The rocks, the trees and the dirt

I knew a man some time ago  
He rode away one day and never came back home  
And where he is now, no one really knows  
But some say they've seen him  
They say that his ghost creeps through the  
shadows at night  
But I don't believe 'em  
Cause there's a new bullet hole in the moon every  
night

And just like every cowboy  
He's always out there  
Singing his sad, sad songs  
Every cactus has a needle  
Every cactus has a needle  
Every cactus has a needle  
He thought of that line on his own

## Oh Montana

Oh Montana  
Look how your stars have fallen  
On the mountainside

Oh Montana  
Who have you become  
And tell me who am I

We were looking  
For the same thing, you and I  
It was never there to find

Oh Montana  
Each dream knows when to die  
But at least I can say I tried

Oh Montana  
Didn't need to hear both sides  
Before you chose your fight

Montana  
Too proud to realize  
That you've been left behind

I can't imagine  
A mile in your shoes  
Or how you sleep at night

Oh Montana,  
Go your way, I'll go mine  
Fading out of sight

## I'm Going Home

They handed me a hammer  
And sent me off alone  
With a name out of the Bible  
To remind me where I'm from  
I went without direction  
I went out of control  
I had no home

I saw the reservations  
And the guns that shoot all night  
The town was empty but the ghosts there  
Kept me up all night  
And no one came to see me  
I was there alone  
I had no home

Whiskey was the river  
And me I was the duck  
I lived down at the bottom  
And I could not get up  
At first I thought I'd found it  
Somewhere I belonged  
But I had no home

But then things started crumbling  
And I knew it had to change  
But once you get so far you  
Can't go back the way you came  
And every day was somehow  
Worse than the one before  
I had no home

When I ran out of money  
I had nowhere left to go  
I was sleeping in a tavern  
In exchange for sweeping floors  
And no one came to free me  
But I made it out alone  
Now I'm going home

They handed me a hammer  
And sent me off alone  
With a name out of the Bible  
To remind me where I'm from  
So I'm leaving here tomorrow  
And my feet will never slow  
I'm going home

### **Where the Wind Will Let Me Go**

A pile of scattered bones and a feather from a crow  
When the spring called the jimson weed to bloom  
From up here on the hill the hours pass until  
The sun no longer plays tricks on my mind

Like a bird in the wind will go the only way he can  
I'm going where the wind will let me go

I will follow no man's trail as long as in the air  
There's something there and it's pulling me along  
The world I got to know I could not call my home  
There's too much there I wish I didn't know

Like a bird in the wind will go the only way he can  
I'm going where the wind will let me go

The pinyon tree I lay beneath tonight is as alive as  
me and I fall asleep as the coyote sings her song

### **San Juan Song**

The wind is picking up tonight  
Let's keep the fire low  
There's no else but you and I  
Who's been this way before

Down by the river  
Where no one ever goes  
Scattering bones around  
Where the lonely San Juan flows

No one needs to know our names  
But the coyotes and the crows  
We're gonna live forever  
Where the lonely San Juan flows

No one's gonna find us here  
Or come to claim our bones  
We're gonna live forever  
Where the lonely San Juan flows

### **It Wasn't You**

Oh look at the sun  
Don't it look good going down tonight  
You know how far we've come  
You know we both fought for our lives  
But hey, that's okay  
We all go different ways  
And no one's gonna come looking for me  
By the river in the cottonwood trees  
While I'm burying your bones  
The last time I saw you  
There was someone in your shoes  
But it wasn't you

### **Cowboy Song**

Once he had a broken heart  
He'd go drinking til they closed  
But now he's on the open range  
And he's drinking all night long

The clouds come close behind him  
And they follow him along  
But he's got a feeling that the sun  
Will keep shining from now on  
As long as he's singing his cowboy song

The birds all die of broken hearts  
When he goes passing by  
But he'll hold them in his arms tonight  
And bring them back to life  
As long as he's singing his cowboy song

A man sleeps in a feather bed  
And in the morning he wakes up sore  
But a man alone in the wilderness  
That's where his soul is born  
As long as he's singing his cowboy song

## **The Western Lands**

Leaving it all far behind I saddled my pony and  
went toward the western sky  
I don't mind if I don't come back alive  
And no one's got to understand the reason why

But when I finally crossed the plains  
I lost myself somewhere along the way  
The wind swept softly through the grain  
Then it was mountain snow and the smell of  
desert rain

I'm giving my bones to the western lands  
After I don't need 'em no more

On wild horse one day they came  
And my captain gave the order no time for digging  
a grave  
And as in a line we rode away  
For the flag I wore on my shoulder I felt so  
ashamed

But my time as a soldier came to an end  
And I settled down on this little piece of land  
But the day I saw them riding in  
They fired their guns as I waved hello to them

And I gave my bones to the western lands  
I don't need 'em no more

## **As Long as the Grass Shall Grow**

As long as the grass shall grow  
As long as the river runs cold  
My heart will have no room for mercy for you  
It's blood I want  
Nothing else will do

With freedom for all mankind  
They came marching in with rifles drawn  
And freedom rang as they fired the first shots  
And they freely chained us up and marched us off

When you see their burning flag fall like a leaf  
from a tree  
And the pounding of the drums overpowering  
their screams  
When the sky is glowing red from a fire far away  
It'll be my spirit on the wind that blows to fan the  
flames

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As long as the river runs cold  
You will find me in the words of a song  
That lay written down in a trail of bones

## **Juniper Tree**

Everything here is so much farther away than it  
looks.

Sometimes I wander away alone  
With nowhere in mind to go

The people I knew were just passing through me  
Away they all flew as quick as  
They came rushing in  
They were gone again

Sit down for a while  
In the shade of this juniper tree  
No one's wondering where you are  
I'm alone, I'm alone but I'm free  
In the shade of this juniper tree

They take pictures from space  
So you don't have to waste  
Your time in the sun anymore  
No, not anymore

I'm from where I'm from  
And I've done what I've done  
But who I've become  
Is who will be judged  
If that day ever comes

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