Whistle Down the Wind (For Tom Jans)

Tom Waits

I've grew up here all of my life
But I dreamed someday I'd go
Where blue-eyed girls and red guitars
And the naked rivers flowI'm not all I thought that I'd be
I've always stayed around
I've been as far as Mercy and Grand
Frozen to the ground.
But I can't stay here and I'm scared to leave
So kiss me once and then

And I'll go to hell, I might as well Be whistlin' down the windBus is at the corner

The clock on the wall

The broken-down windmill

There ain't no wind at all

And I yelled and I cursed

"If I stay here I'll rust"

I'm stuck like a shipwreck out here in the dustThe sky is red

And the world is on fire

And the corn is taller than me

And the dog is tied

To a wagon of rain

And the road is wet as the sea

But sometimes the music from a dance

Will carry across the plains

And the places that I'm dreaming of

Do they dream only of me?

There are places where they never sleep

And the circus never endsSo I will take the Marley Bone Coach And be whistling down the windSo I will take the Marley Bone Coach And be whistling down the wind

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