

California's Dark

The Nightwatchman

It started in basements
And it started in sheds
It started in backyards
And was hidden under beds
I turned on the TV
Don't believe a word they say
We can't stay here now, love
And we can't get away
There's a riot on Sunset
And fires burn in the park
The sun has set, my friend
And California's dark
And over the screaming
I heard a clear voice
I looked at my choices
Yeah, and I made a choice
Smoke and ashes
Tonight hide the stars
The stop lights are red now, love
We come for what's ours
There's a riot on Sunset
And fires burn in the park
The sun has set my friend
And California's dark
Come stand among the rattlesnakes
At the side of the desert road
And close your eyes and listen
To the music hard and cold
Tonight the moon is blackened
Tonight the doors are shut
Behind the shuttered windows
We pray that the sun will come up
For something walks across these fields
For which there is no name
Now, you might have heard different, sonny
But I was there when it came
It will start with a spark
And a great fire will grow
Don't know how I know it, man
Yeah, but I just know
There's a riot on Sunset
And fires burn in the park
The sun sets everywhere
And the whole damn country's dark, yeah
Now, there's a riot on Sunset
And fires burnin' in the park
The sun has set my friend
And California's dark

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