

Legacy

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You used to be as a child, full of hope and wonder
Hey, now do you remember those days?
Your mind was free and running wild
Now the sound of thunder
Has got you trapped in a corner hiding out
You're running in a rat maze
You better think about the legacy
That you want to leave behind
It's all getting burnt-out, used-up
Bought and sold to the bottom line
That ain't the way it's gotta be
You can leave a better world than you find
You can look down, turn aside, run away
But you can't put it out of your mind
'Cause it's your legacy
Don't it make your heart bleed
Passing through the meadowland?
Wheel of fortune jackpot is what it looks like
That's okay, go on, run your motor at high speed
Rev it up to five grand, shades on, top down
But as you barrel down the turnpike
You better think about the legacy
That you're gonna leave behind
Things are getting wasted, out-of-hand
People stealing each other blind
Hey, that ain't the way it oughta be
You can leave a better world than you find
You can look down, turn around, run away
But you can't put it out of your mind
'Cause it's your legacy
It isn't easy when you think
Your voice doesn't matter to anyone
Maybe you believe there's nothing you can do
But if you just do nothing
You've made a choice to perpetuate the destruction
Why don't you stand up, dig in?
When it all comes down, it's gotta begin with you
It's you, it's your legacy
Baby, whatcha gonna do about it?

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That you want to leave behind
Things are getting wasted
Out-of-hand, burnt-out, used-up
Sold to the bottom line
Hey, that ain't the way it's gotta be
Oh, don't you want to leave
A better world than you find?
You can look down, turn aside, run away and hide
But you can't put it out of your mind
'Cause it's your legacy, oh, your legacy
Look here, it's gotta start somewhere, Jack
If you don't go forward, you're gonna go back
Hey, you better get a plan of attack
'Cause that's the only way
That you're gonna keep track of your legacy

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