

Never Come Home

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Maybe time has brought some changes
 Maybe I remember wrong
 It stands to reason I've grown softer
I was married for so longI took a chill late last april
 Lost thirty pounds by mid july
 Not that the old place was the answer
Just one last thing that I could tryI had scarcely laid my bag down
 When my misjudgement hit me square
 I was welcomed like a guilty prisoner
Old grievances fouled the airFour houndred miles mean nothing
 One mans troubles are his own
 The land is run down and ragged
 I should have never come home
There's a couple of babies in the cradle
 Sister's gone east for a time
 Mama's boiling water by the wood stove
Neighbours stealing glances through the blindNow she's looking at me through their eyes
 And I see the thought she hides in vain
 All my years among the (?) the fallen
Have made this cancer in my brainCheap coal's spilling from the hilltops
 The earth is shaking from them old drag lines
 But when these little towns lie sleeping
It's like it must have been before mankindWatch the wild mid summer moonlight
 Drifting slow across the lawn
 Catch the outlines the creation
 As morning comes on
Now there's cousins dropping in from Briersville
 With self regard these baptists farely shine
 Mama gives them high admiration
Contempt is the best that I can findFour hundred miles mean nothing
 One mans troubles are his own
 Sick and torn from wife and children
I should have never come homeI hear them whispering my name
 Late at night beneath my room
 Their voices rise as they grow drunker
Black vultures gathering at my tombHumbled by the ancient jewish prophets
 Dazzled by the distant network theme
 Born by the promise of tomorrow
Bury me with all speedNow I was born in New York City

Down here I'm near a slave
Can't hardly take in one more body
Can't afford another graveFour hundred miles mean nothing
One mans troubles are his own
This land is run down and ragged
I should have never come home

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