How's It Gonna End

Tom Waits

He had 3 whole dollars,

A worn out car

And a wife who was leaving for goodLife's made of trouble,

Worry, pain and struggle

She wrote 'good bye' in the dust on the hoodThey found a map of Missouri

Lipstick on the glass

They must of left in the middle of the nightAnd I want to know the same thing

Everyone wants to know

How's it going to end? Behind a smoke colored curtain,

The girl disappeared

They found out that the ring was a fakeA tree born crooked,

Will never grow straight

She sunk like a hammer into the lakeA long lost letter and

And old leaky boat

Promises are never meant to keepAnd I want to know the same thing

I want to know

How's it going to end? The barn leaned over,

The vultures dried their wings

The moon climbed up an empty skyThe sun sank down,

Behind the tree on the hill

There's a killer and he's coming through the ryeBut maybe he's the father,

Of that lost little girl

It's hard to tell in this lightAnd I want to know the same thing

Everyone wants to know

How's it going to end?Drag your wagon and your plow,

Over the bones of the dead

Out among the roses and the weedsYou can never go back,

And the answer is 'no'

And wishing for it only makes it bleedJoel Tornabene,

Was broken on the wheel

Shane and Bum Mahoney on the lambThe grain was as gold,

As Sheila's hair

All the way from Liverpool, with all we could stealHe was robbed of twenty dollars

His body found stripped

Cast into the harbour there and drownedAnd I want to know the same thing

We all want to know

How's it going to end? The sirens are snaking,

Their way up the hill

It's last call somewhere in the worldThe reptiles blend in,

With the color of the street
Life is sweet at the edge of a razorAnd down in the first row,
Of an old picture show
The old man is asleep, as the credits start to rollAnd I want to know the same thing
We all want to know
How's it going to end?And I want to know the same thing
We all want to know
How's it going to end?And I just want to know the same thing
I want to know
How's it going to end?

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