

# Memphis in the Rain

**Justin Townes Earle**

Stand down the blacktop at a cold dark night, boy  
Pitch black skies there ain't a star in sight  
But I'm looking for a change  
I'm passing through Memphis in the rain  
Whitewashed buildings and old overgrown yards  
I've got one hand on the wheel, I've got one on my heart  
Looking for a girl without a name  
I'm passing through Memphis in the rain  
But no matter what I do, Lord, I can't stop  
Gotta keep that hammer to the floor baby  
Until I'm clear out of Arkansas mama  
Cause I know what they can do to me  
Lord and I won't let them make a fool out of me  
Things are starting to get strange  
Passing through Memphis in the rain  
Sometimes a man's just gotta know when to go  
He's gotta earn himself a keepin'  
He's gotta know when he's been beat  
So I called a cousin down in Houston  
He said 'come on down boy, we've got work for you to be doing'  
I'm looking for a change  
Passing through Memphis in the rain  
Yeah things are startin' to get strange  
I'm passing through Memphis in the rain  
Oh yeah

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