

Tumbleweed Town

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He said I'm goin to west Texas
I said hell you've gone crazy
Ain't nothing out there but coyotes and Comanches
But he headed out anyways as far as he could
He'd finally buried his roots He sold whiskey and cigars to passing through settlers
But nobody wants to settle where there ain't no damn water
Then they figured out a windmill could pump it from the ground
And up sprang a tumbleweed town Where the lonely wind blows like it's angry for being there
A flat piece of stone in the middle of nowhere
The town never grows cause nobody can keep their roots down
It's just a tumbleweed town They came in like gypsies to steal the black gold
The town's population increased a hundred fold
But they scattered like quail when the oil wells ran out
And left no trace of the riches they'd found Then some big shot from Dallas built a factory out here
Gonna put us back on the map
But hell that was back a few years
Now weeds have grown up and the buildings falling down
You'd think they'd figured out by now
It's just a tumbleweed town Where the lonely wind blows like it's angry for being there
A flat piece of stone in the middle of nowhere
The town never grows cause nobody can keep their roots down
It's just a tumbleweed town A few hayseeds and ranchers still hanging in
Too old to start over to damn stubborn to quit
And their kids all get restless waiting for a Greyhound
So they can get the hell out of this tumbleweed town Tumbleweed town

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