Under the Gun (For Jeffery Lee Pierce)

Blondie

I still can picture him His hands in his back pockets

He wasn't much for words

But when the wise kids made a racketHe just had to go downtown

Throw his weight around for starting over

"Say did you hear I've got a band?"

Some guys I know from LAPut on Rio Grande

I'll pay you back next Friday

You know it sure ain't big

Just some cats I digThey said; "They'd do the gig"

Oh Desperado

Why don't you spend your life in Colorado?

Oh restless shadowOut in the blue hills

You're feeling hollow

Oh El Diablo

Why did you spend your life in California? I should have warned ya'

No place to go now but falling over

Some guys can't make it on the run

Under the gunNot for the younger

Oh Jack Daniel's I feel your hunger

I know you did your best

But you thought that you did not I wish that I had known

Before I heard the last shot

You know it's not a sin

That little badge of tinJust a momento

So sad your love remained

My comrades lost in battle

The music was a din from London to SeattleWe all made you play and all our yesterdays

Are starting over

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