Long Shadow

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Well, Ill tell you one thing that I know
You dont face your demons down
You got to grab 'em jack
And pin 'em to the groundThe Devil may care and maybe God he wont
Better make sure, you check on the 'Dos' and the 'Donts'Crawl up the mountain
To reach where the eagles fly
Sure you can glimpse from the mountaintop
Where the soul of the muse might riseAnd if you put it all together
You won't have to look around
You know you cast
A long shadow on the groundThen one day, I could tell my tracks
By the holes in the soles of my shoes
And that the day I said
Im gonna make the newsAnd falling in the garden
Of days so long ago
Somewhere in the memory
The sun shines on you boyPlaying in the Arroyos
Where the American rivers flow
From the Appalachians
Down to the Delta RoadsA man cant think so long
His brain could well explode
Theres trains running through the junctions
A King comes down the roadAnd if you put it all together
You wont have to look around
You know you cast
A long shadow on the groundListen to the Country 'The Night Jar and the Bell'
Listen to the Night Streamliner
Sounding like the wolves of Hell
Head for the water, the water of the cleansing spellIt was always are destination
On the express of the Neer Do Wells
And we rock through Madison City
And we didnt even know she was thereAnd when we hit the Buffers in Memphis
And Beale street didnt have no prayer
I hear punks talk of anarchy, I hear hobos on the railroad
I hear mutterings on the chain-gangs
It was those men who built the roadsAnd if you put it all together
You didnt even once relent
You cast a long shadow
And that is your testamentSomewhere in my soul, theres always rock and roll

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