

# The Future's Not What It Used To Be

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I left Decatur, hell bent to forget  
Bought a ticket back to Skowhegan, Maine  
And I would up in Seattle so drunk and so rattled  
I caught the wrong train I found some fast easy women and some hard drinkin' men  
Swore I would drown all the sorrow in me  
Oh, I once had a lot  
But the future is not what it used to be Oh, the years they went by and I went steadily downhill  
Until I had no place left to go  
Made all the missions by mornin' and then I made the dives every night  
Until I made a wreck of my body and my soul  
And then I met this lady  
In time she made me forget, her love set me free  
I once loved you a lot  
But the future is just not what it used to be Well, I never thought I would live to grow old  
The past cut a hole deep in me  
And shackled and chained to a ghost that remains  
I was haunted by your memory Somebody told me you were back in town  
I found out today  
God knows it hurts me to hear you're so down  
But what else can I say  
I know your sorrow, I know your pain, I know your need  
And I once loved you a lot  
But the future is just not what it used to be  
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