Gentle On My Mind

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It's knowing you don't try to bind my freedom
With some promise made of gold
That for you my door stays open

And our love becomes a simple to a-streetAnd it's knowing we're not shacked by forgotten words and bons

And the ink stains that have dried upon some line

That keeps you on the back roads by the rivers of my mem'ry That keeps you ever gentle on my mindIt's not clinging to the rocks

And I'd be planted on some column now that binds us

Or something that somebody said

Because they thought we fit together walking It's just knowing that the world will not be cursing or forgiving

When I'm driftin' through the market place and find

That you're moving on the back roads by the rivers of my mem'ry

And for hours you're just gentle on my mindThough the wheat fields and the clothes lines

And the junk yards and the highways come between us

And some other woman crying to her mother

'Cause she turned and you were goneI still might walk for hours tears of joy might stain my face

And a summer sun might burn me till I'm blind

But not to where I cannot see you moving on the back roads

By the rivers flowing gentle on my mindThe shadows freak in the autumn winds

That make me draw inside myself in silence

Cross legged night I sit and watch

The endless chase of leaves across my yardAnd layin' down my hair brush

I lean back within my window seat and find

That you're moving on the back roads by the rivers of my mem'ry

Ever smiling ever gentle on my mind

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