

Moments

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I was coming to the end of a long, long walk
When a man crawled out of a cardboard box
Under the E. Street Bridge, followed me on to it
I went out halfway across
With that homeless shadow tagging along
So I dug for some change, wouldn't need it anyway
He took it lookin' just a bit ashamed
He said, "You know, I haven't always been this way?"
I've had my moments, days in the sun
Moments, I was second to none
Moments when I knew I did what I thought I couldn't do
Like that plane ride, coming home from the war
That summer my son was born
And memories like a coat so warm, a cold wind can't get through
Lookin' at me now you might not know it but I've had my moments
Well, I stood there tryin' to find my nerve
Wondering if a single soul on Earth
Would care at all, miss me when I'm gone
That old man just kept hanging around
Lookin' at me, lookin' down
I think he recognized that look in my eyes

Standing with him there I felt ashamed
I said, "You know, I haven't always been this way?"
I've had my moments, days in the sun
Moments, I was second to none
Moments when I knew I did what I thought I couldn't do
Like the day I walked away from the wine
For a woman who became my wife
And a love that, when it was right could always see me through
Lookin' at me now you might not know it but I've had my moments
I know somewhere 'round a trashcan fire tonight
That old man tells his story one more time, he says
"I've had my moments, days in the sun"
Moments I was second to none
Moments when I knew I did what I thought I couldn't do?
"Like that cool night on the E. Street Bridge"
When a young man almost ended it
I was right there, wasn't scared a bit and I helped to pull him through?

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I've had my moments, I've had my moments, I've had my moments?

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