Long Shadow

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Well I'll tell you one thing that I know
You don't face your demons down
You gotta grapple 'em Jack and pin 'em to the ground
The devil may care, maybe god he won't
You better make sure you check on the do's and the don'tsCrawl up a mountain
To reach where the eagles fly
To show you can glimpse from the mountian top
Where the soul of the muse might rideAnd 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
About the holes in the soles of my shoes
And that's the day I said I'm gonna make the newsAnd fallen back in the garden
The days so long ago
Somewhere in the memory
The sun shines on you boyAnd playing in the Arroyo's
Where the American rivers flow
From the Appalachians
Down to the Delta RoadsA man can think so long
His brain could well explode
The strings runnin' through the junctions
A king comes down the roadAnd if you put it all together
You won't 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 stream lineup
Soundin' like the wolves of hellHead for the water
The waters of the cleansing spell
It was always our destination
On the express of the never do wellsAnd we rocked through Madison's city
And we didn't even know she was there
And when we hit the bumpers in Memphis
Beale street didn't have no prayerAnd I hear punks talk of anarchy
I hear hobo's on the railroads
I hear mutterings on the chain gangs
It was those men who built the roadsAnd if you put it all together
You didn't even once relent
You cast a long shadow
And that is your testamentSomewhere in my soul
There's always rock and roll

Yeah!