First Recollection

Cowboy Junkies

My first recollection, a day in December Black iron steam engine covered in ice

Like some Cambrian monster

Moaning and snorting

Nothing was ever going to beat that beast

In a fair fightI've sat and watched the woodpiles

Grow through the summer

Now I'm sittin', smellin' summer burn through the fall

Winter's coming on, days gettin' dreary

And I'm thinkin' this is the season

Where I leave you allI've heard a man in a crisis

Falls back on what he knows best

A murderer to murder, a thief to theft

And I don't want you to think

That this is some kind of deathbed confession

Umm, but run is what I did when put to the testMy first recollection is a day in November

Seven forty seven tracin' lines through the sky

Like some old gypsy curse

Silently praying

Upon the dreams of those

Who jealously watch life passing by I've sat and watched my troubles

Pile through the summer

Now I'm sitting, hearing my youngest cry down the hall

Winter's coming on, days getting dreary

And I'm thinking this is the season

That I leave you allI've heard that the son must bear

The burdens of the father

But it's the daughter that is left to clean up the mess

And I don't want you to think

That I'm asking for absolution

Umm, but run is what I did when put to the test

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