Tumbleweed Town

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He said, I'm going to West Texas They said, Hell, you've gone crazy Ain't nothing out there but coyotes and Comanches But he headed out anyway as far as he could Till the heat finally got to their mulesHe sold whiskey and cigars to passing through would be settlers But nobody wants to settle where there ain't no damn water Then they figured out a windmill could pump it from the ground And up sprang a tumbleweed townWhere the lonely wind blows like it's angry for being there A flat piece of stone in the middle of nowhere The town never grows 'cause nobody can keep their roots down It's a tumbleweed townThey came in like gypsies to steal their black gold And the towns population increased hundred fold But they scattered like quail when all the oil wells ran out Left no trace of the riches they'd foundThen some big shot from Dallas built a factory here Gonna put us back on the map but hell, that was back a few years Now the weeds have grown up and the building's falling down And you'd think they'd figured it out by now Hell, it's a tumbleweed townWhere the lonely wind blows like it's angry for being there A flat piece of stone in the middle of nowhere The town never grows 'cause nobody can keep their roots down It's just a tumbleweed townNow a few hay seeds and ranchers are still hanging in Too old to start over and too damn stubborn to quit And their kids all get restless waiting on that Greyhound So that they can get the hell out of this tumbleweed town But I love my tumbleweed town

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