Irrelevant

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There's only one light on in the house And that's the light up in the hall And it's shining on the back of my headAnd I'm concentrating hard On the cigarette, to the ashtray From the ashtray back to my lipsSo I lean up from my easy chair I rub my three day beard And give that thousand yard stare As I recall all the time and the money we spent Before I became irrelevantSo the straw dog threw rock salt And the precious girl took a bow and walked As I ran my finger over the screen doorYeah, every kiss has reeked of betrayal Since my heroine jumped the guardrail And decided who she wanted to be once more Now, every night I'm paralyzed By the fear of rope burns and morning light And the smell of wet cement Since I became irrelevantNow, memory's just a flash flood A thick and black sticky mud And heartache it's like a breaking boneIt was always twelve hours on a missionary line You think I would've spared some time But I didn't, I never went homeNow, it occurs to me like blinds undrawn Or a bullet from a shotgun That she knew long ago, oh, what it meant To feel irrelevantNow, I'm always smilin', cryin' And hidin' my intent Since I became irrelevant

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