## Rake

## **Steve Earle**

I used to wake and run with the moon I lived like a rake and a young man I covered my lovers with flowers and wounds My laughter, the devil would frighten The sun, it would come and beat me back down But every cruel day had it's nightfall I'd welcome the stars with wine and guitars Full of fire and forgetfulWell, my body was sharp, the dark air clean And outrage my joyful companion And whisperin' women, how sweet did they seem Kneelin' for me to command themAnd time was like water but I was the sea And I'd never noticed it passin' Except for the turnin' of night into day And the turnin' of day into cursin'You look at me now and don't think I don't know What all of your eyes are sayin' So he wants us to believe these ravings and lies Just tricks that his brains been a playin'? A lover of women, he can't hardly stand He trembles, he's bent and he's broken Well, I've fallen, it's true but I say unto you Hold your tongues until after I've spokenI was takin' my pride in the pleasures I'd known I laughed and thought I'd be forgiven But my laughter turned 'round eyes blazing and said My friend we're holdin' a weddingAnd I buried my face but it spoke once again It's the night to the day that we're a bindin' And now the dark air is like fire on my skin

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And even the moonlight is blinding