

Hurricane Party

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The hurricane party's windin' down
and we're all waitin' for the end
And I don't won't another drink,
I only want that last one againHe gave me such a fine glow,
smokin' slow, now I should probably be homeward bound[Chorus]
There's just no one to talk to
when the lines go downI guess that in the morning I'll go lookin' for my gray-striped cat
My old house can take the weather so I'm not too concerned about that
It was built to take the wind back in nineteen-and-ten when this was one damned fine town[Chorus]Candles
flickered on the back bar and the building was shakin' with the wind
I bought a whiskey for the gypsy and she turned my leather back into skin
Just a fleeting sense of that rare suspense I once thought made the world go round[Chorus]Open up your back
screen door
Let me see your face once more
My hands are cold and my feet so sore
And I can't go on this wayAnd the thoughts come too fast and too many to keep count, best just to let 'em on
through
Now I'm breaking those glass insulators with my old 22
Off the telephone polls as a half dollar rolls across the knuckles of a rodeo clown[Chorus]My one great love, my
God, I can feel her still
She ran off to California and now she's living in those Hollywood hills
With some bullfrog prince, I've not seen her since
Though she calls when he's out of town[Chorus]Open up your back screen door
Let me in your space once more
I was looking for an easy score
But it just don't work that waySome insurance man-biker is yellin' out for one more beer
But a part-time pirate just can't get much respect around here
We got our problems too, man we'll get to you
In just a minute, sit your drunk ass down[Chorus]Now there's water up past the wheel wells of my
Ford and I don't guess that it'll run
But I left a pack of Winston's on the dash, could you fetch 'em for me son?
The morning's first cigarette, that's as good as it gets all day I should know by now[Chorus]

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