Leaving Normal

Cowboy Junkies

It's been a long time since I've seen the high planes of expectation And I'm way past the lowlands and the deserts of failure and doubt

And the last time I passed through satisfaction

I been lookin' as a single soul there

Now I'm leaving normal and I'm heading for who knows where "Excuse me mister, is that seat taken, can I put my bag over here

You know this trip would go a whole lot smoother

If you take your hand from there"

No, I'm not from around here and my name's not 'Little Darling'

Why is there one in every crowd and why do I attract them? Funny how the smell of a greyhound bus now smells like a fresh start to me

And now the sound of the steel belts on the blacktop

Is now the sound of breaking free

But I'd trade all those canceled tickets for a single return fair to a station

With a loved one waiting thereI've finally learned that there's good and bad

And that a girl can do some choosing

Of that I'm glad 'cause this hardened face won't take any more bruising Yeah, and the next time I fall into another's arms

There's one thing of which I'll be certain

That you can bear the weight of the love I give

Without considering it a burdenIt's been a long time since I've seen the high planes of expectation And I'm way past the lowlands and the deserts of failure and doubt

And the last time I passed through satisfaction

I felt like a stranger there

And now I'm leaving normal and I'm heading for who knows whereNow I'm leaving normal wherever I'm heading

Well, I don't care

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