

# Moments

## After the Smoke

I was coming to the end of a long, long walk  
When a man crawled out of a cardboard box  
Under the E. Street Bridge, followed me on to it  
I went out halfway across  
With that homeless shadow tagging along  
So I dug for some change, wouldn't need it anyway  
He took it lookin' just a bit ashamed  
He said, "You know, I haven't always been this way?"  
I've had my moments, days in the sun  
Moments, I was second to none  
Moments when I knew I did what I thought I couldn't do  
Like that plane ride, coming home from the war  
That summer my son was born  
And memories like a coat so warm, a cold wind can't get through  
Lookin' at me now you might not know it but I've had my moments  
Well, I stood there tryin' to find my nerve  
Wondering if a single soul on Earth  
Would care at all, miss me when I'm gone  
That old man just kept hanging around  
Lookin' at me, lookin' down  
I think he recognized that look in my eyes

Standing with him there I felt ashamed  
I said, "You know, I haven't always been this way?"  
I've had my moments, days in the sun  
Moments, I was second to none  
Moments when I knew I did what I thought I couldn't do  
Like the day I walked away from the wine  
For a woman who became my wife  
And a love that, when it was right could always see me through  
Lookin' at me now you might not know it but I've had my moments  
I know somewhere 'round a trashcan fire tonight  
That old man tells his story one more time, he says  
"I've had my moments, days in the sun  
Moments I was second to none  
Moments when I knew I did what I thought I couldn't do?  
"Like that cool night on the E. Street Bridge  
When a young man almost ended it  
I was right there, wasn't scared a bit and I helped to pull him through?"

?Lookin' at me now you might not know it  
Oh, lookin' at me now you might not know it but I've had my moments  
I've had my moments, I've had my moments, I've had my moments?

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