

The Long Way Around

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I don't know what to say about these days
I'm seeing people changing in the strangest ways
Even in the richer neighborhoods
People don't know when they got it good
They got the envy and they got it bad
When I was a kid everything I did was trying to be free
running up and down tinsel town with the fire inside of me
my planets all in retrograde the best of all my plans got made
I made my breaks and some mistakes
Just not the ones people think I made
I'm a long way gone down this wild road I'm on
It's gonna take me where I'm bound
It's a long way around
It's a little hard keeping track of what's gone wrong
The covenant unravels and the news just rolls along
I can feel my memory letting go some two or three disasters ago
It's hard to say what did more ill,
Citizens United or the Gulf Oil Spill
I'm a long way gone down this wild road I'm on
It's gonna take me where I'm bound
It's a long way around
It's never been that hard to buy a gun
Now they'll sell a Glock 19 to just about anyone
The seeds of tragedy are there and what we feel we have the right to bear
and watch our children come to harm
There in the safety of our arms
We all disagree about
The passions burn, heart goes out
We're a long way gone
Down this wild road we're on
It's going to take us where we're bound
It's just the long way around

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