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I wanna tell you about my hometown It's a dusty old jewel in the South Puget Sound Well, the factories churn and the timbers all cut down And life goes by slow in Tacoma People they laugh when they hear you're from my town They say it's a sour and used up old place I defended its honor, shrugged off the putdowns You know that you're poor from Tacoma The buildings are empty like ghettos or ghostowns It gives me a chill to think what was inside I can't seem to fathom the dark of my history I invented my own in Tacoma There was nothing to put me in love with the good life I'm in league with the the gangs and the guns and the crime There was no hollow promise that life would reward you There was nowhere to hide in Tacoma People who built it, they loved it like I do There was hope in the train yards that something inspired Once was I on it but it's been painted shut I found passion for life in Tacoma Well, I don't make it home much, I sadly neglect you But that's how you like it away from the world God bless California, make way for the Wal-Mart I hope they don't find you Tacoma

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