

# The Mercy Beat

## The The

There's a high wind blowin' and the stars are shining bright  
Oh, what a night, this is gonna be  
I think I'll let the world sleep without me  
I got one eye open, one eye closed  
And my thin body's trembling beneath the bed clothes  
My hearts beatin' against the roof of my mouth  
It's almost time to get out of this house I got one hand on the radio, one hand on the wheel  
I got my right foot on the floorboard, I'm preparing to kill or be killed There's a high wind blowin' and the stars  
are shinin' bright  
And the rain upon the tarmac  
Helps me sail through the traffic lights  
I'm heading down to the dock of the bay  
To feel the power of the waves  
I'm gonna move up close to that wind  
Wrestle with the thoughts solitude always brings You see I'm stuck between hell and the deep blue sea  
And I know that water's sucked under better man than me  
I was just another western guy  
With desires that couldn't be satisfied  
One day, I asked the angels for inspiration  
The devil bought me a drink  
He's been buying them ever since He's had the liquor on my tongue, feel like the sea upon the sand  
He's had me signing confessions from this shakin' hand  
He's had me struggling to hang onto hope  
Like a drunken sailor in a tugboat  
With a bottle of vodka in my overcoat  
My dog heard Bible lost overboard You see he tricked me into temptation  
So I've tricked him into this confrontation  
I never said I was the man I appeared to be  
Not the flesh wrapped around the bones of necessity  
Or the soul on fire scribbling thoughts for posterity I'm gonna have little Lucifer runnin' off to purgatory  
With his tail between his legs  
I'm gonna teach him a lesson he ain't ever gonna forget  
All the vultures and crows are fixin' up some tombstones  
They won't be chewing the meat off my bones There's a high wind blowin' and the stars are shining bright  
Me and him are gonna have a little knife fight  
In the bowels of the big city skyline  
Oh, this feelin' inside runs dark and deep  
Tonight my hearts not thumping, a mercy beat Yeah, I was just another western guy  
With desires that couldn't be satisfied

Oh, what a night this is gonna be  
The world will sleep without me  
What a night this is gonna be  
The world will sleep without me  
What a night, this is gonna be  
The world will sleep without me, yeah

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