FLYOVER COUNTRY

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LONG LIVE (My Hometown)

TWO STOPLIGHTS - FOUR CHURCHES -THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS -THREE TAVERNS - ONE RIVER -POST OFFICE STILL DELIVERS YOU MIGHT DRIVE BY IT ON THE INTERSTATE

AND ALL YOU'LL SEE IS JUST THE SUPER EIGHT

LONG LIVE MY LITTLE HOMETOWN MY LITTLE HOMETOWN SO DEAR LONG LIVE MY LITTLE HOMETOWN LIVE ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS OR MORE LIVE ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS

SURVIVED THE DEPRESSION -TWO WORLD WARS - RECESSIONS -FARM CRISIS. HUNG IN THERE -THE BRINK AND BACK, ITS BEEN THERE YOU MIGHT FLY OVER IT AND NEVER SEE BUT THERE'S A WORLD THERE, MEANS THE WORLD TO ME

THE WATER TOWER AND THE SWIMMING POOL THE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND THE MIDDLE SCHOOL A THOUSAND THUNDERSTORMS HAVE COME AND GONE

STILL MY HOMETOWN'S HOLDING ON

YOU MIGHT THINK ITS NOWHERE YOU MIGHT NOT EVER GO THERE JUST SOME TOWN, OUT SOMEWHERE UNLESS LIKE ME, YOURE FROM THERE IT RAISED ME UP, IT MADE ME WHO I AM SO PARDON ME IF I STILL GIVE A DAMN

WINE BOTTLES

SITTIN AT THE BACK PORCH TABLE WATCHING AS THE SUN GOES DOWN DOING A LITTLE THINKING DOING A LITTLE DRINKING SWIRLING MY GLASS AROUND LITTLE TIN CAN OF IRRITATION RATTLING IN MY LONELY BRAIN AINT NOBODY NEAR ME NOBODY TO HEAR ME PERFECT MOMENT TO COMPLAIN

LATELY EVERYTHING'S BEEN CHANGING CHANGING NOT FOR THE GOOD PEOPLE GETTING CRAZY **OBSTINATE AND LAZY** WASHINGTON TO HOLLYWOOD BUT HERE'S THE THING THAT'S GOT ME BOTHERED

REALLY OUGHTTA BE A CRIME

THEYRE MAKING WINE BOTTLES SMALLER ALL THE TIME

DON'T KNOW WHEN I FIRST TOOK NOTICE MIGHTA BEEN A YEAR OR TWO MIGHTA BEEN THE DAY SHE PACKED HER BAGS

AND HEADED OFF WITH GOD KNOWS WHO I TOOK UP WITH MY BEST OLD BUDDY

CANYON ROAD PINOT GRIS

USED TO TAKE ONE TO GET THE JOB DONE NOW ITS TAKING TWO OR THREE

LATELY EVERYTHING'S BEEN CHANGING CHANGING NOT FOR THE GOOD

PRESIDENTS AND FELONS STUPIDER THAN MELONS WASHINGTON TO HOLLYWOOD

BUT HERE'S THE THING THAT'S SUCH A RIPOFF

REALLY OUGHTTA BE A CRIME

THEYRE MAKING WINE BOTTLES SMALLER ALL THE TIME

SMALLER AND SMALLER TAKES MORE AND MORE LESS ANESTHESIA IN THE SAME SIZE POUR

FIRST THEY HAD ME HOODWINKED

THEN I WAS CONFUSED THEN I WAS BAMBOOZLED NOW I'M JUST BAMBOOZED OUT OF MY GOURD

HERE'S THE THING THAT'S SUCH A RACKET REALLY OUGHTTA BE A CRIME THEYRE MAKING WINE BOTTLES SMALLER LESS SAUCE FOR THE DOLLAR

WINE BOTTLES SMALLER ALL THE TIME

WHY WHY WHY

I DON'T WANNA KNOW WHO I DON'T WANNA KNOW WHERE I DON'T WANNA KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THERE I DON'T WANNA BIG SCENE I DON'T WANT YOU TO LIE I JUST WANNA KNOW WHY WHY WHY

I DON'T WANNA KNOW WHEN I DON'T WANNA KNOW HOW

I DON'T WANNA TALK ON AND ON ABOUT WHAT

HAPPENS NOW

I DON'T WANNA MAKE UP SO PLEASE DON'T EVEN TRY LJUST WANNA KNOW WHY WHY WHY

I JUST WANNA KNOW WHY

WHY YOU'D DO A THING LIKE THAT TO ME COME LOOK ME RIGHT IN THE EYE

AND TELL ME HOW YOU WERE SO BLIND YOU COULD NOT SEE

THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU THE WORLD

I DON'T WANNA KNOW MUCH I DON'T WANNA KNOW MORE

I DON'T WANNA KNOW IF THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOMEONE BEFORE

I DON'T WANNA BREAK DOWN I DON'T WANNA GO CRY I JUST WANNA KNOW WHY WHY WHY

I JUST WANNA KNOW WHY

I DON'T WANNA BE WRONG I DON'T WANNA BE RIGHT

I DON'T WANNA KNOW WHERE YOU'RE HEADED LATER

ON TONIGHT

ALL I WANNA KNOW NOW BEFORE YOU TELL ME GOODBYE I JUST WANNA KNOW WHY WHY WHY I JUST WANNA KNOW WHY

ELDORADO

DADDY HAD A GOOD YEAR MAMA GAVE THE ALL CLEAR DADDY HEADED INTO TOWN WASN'T GONE A LONG WHILE COMING FROM A HALF MILE WE ALREADY HEARD THE SOUND IT WAS A STEEL MARSHMALLOW **BUTTERCREAM YELLOW** DENTED ALL ACROSS THE HOOD DENTED IN ON BOTH DOORS DADDY SAID A HAILSTORM REALLY DOES A WALLET GOOD

ELDORADO

LORD HOW DADDY LOVED THAT CAR **ELDORADO**

BIGGER THAN THE WHOLE FRONT YARD CATALINA

STATION WAGON WASN'T NO FUN

ELDORADO SHINING IN THE GOLDEN SUN

IT WAS A CADILLAC, FRONT TO BACK MATCHING YELLOW HUBCAPS PADDED YELLOW VINYL ROOF LONGER THAN A SCHOOL BUS

LORD IT WAS A BIG CUSS

SWEAR THAT THING WAS BULLETPROOF

IT HAD SEATS LIKE A SOFA LEATHER ALL OVER GENUINE FAKE WOOD TRIM GOING FOR OUR FIRST RIDE DOWN ALONG THE LAKESIDE SAW MY MAMA SMILE AT HIM

THEY SAY YOU CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS BUT DADDY WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU YES YES HAPPINESS, IT WILL PREVAIL JUST WAIT UNTIL IT GOES ON SALE

ELDORADO DIMPLES REALLY MAKE THE SMILE **ELDORADO** TWENTY GALLONS TO THE MILE

ONLY LATER

ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN THAT THE WOODEN COVERED BRIDGE ON THE ROAD UP TO THE RIDGE HAD A FRACTURE IN THE FLOOR ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN THAT THE DAM ACROSS THE LAKE HAD THE TINIEST MISTAKE IN THE WALL ALONG THE SHORE

ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN THINGS WERE NOT AS THEY APPEARED THINGS WERE NOT EXACTLY CLEAR AS WE THOUGHT 'EM YEARS AGO ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN WHEN WE LOOKED BACK IN THE MIRROR JUST HOW LITTLE WE DID KNOW

ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN WHEN WE SPOKE OF THINGS LIKE THIS OUR COUSINS' MAMA DIDN'T MISS WHEN SHE HIT THE HARDER STUFF ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN THAT THE NEIGHBORS RIGHT NEAR BY HAD A DADDY WITH AN EYE DIDN'T WANDER FAR ENOUGH

ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN THAT THE FAMILY DOWN THE ROAD HAD A TRUTH THEY NEVER TOLD 'BOUT THEIR SECOND OLDEST SON ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN WE WERE KEEPING TO A CODE BECAUSE THAT'S HOW THINGS WERE DONE

SOME HAD MORE SOME HAD LESS SOME HAD EVERYTHING EXCEPT FOR HAPPINESS SOME WOULD LEAVE AND SOME RETURN

OH BUT ALL ALONG HOW ALL ALIKE WE WERE ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN

ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN **EVERYBODY NEEDED GRACE** TO FACE WHAT WE HAD TO FACE TO BE WHO WE WOULD BECOME ONLY LATER DID WE LEARN THAT WE ALL CAME FROM A PLACE ITS NOT EASY **COMING FROM**

SNAKE OIL

HEY HEY SNAKE OIL CERTIFIED SNAKE OIL HERE OIL TO EASE YOUR TROUBLE OIL TO EASE YOUR PAIN ONCE YOU BUY MY SNAKE OIL YOU WONT SEE ME AGAIN

HEY HEY SNAKE OIL CERTIFIED SNAKE OIL HERE OIL TO EASE YOUR WORRY OIL TO EASE YOUR FEAR ONCE YOU BUY MY SNAKE OIL YOU'LL NEVER FIND ME HERE

HEY HEY SNAKE OIL CERTIFIED SNAKE OIL HERE OIL FOR YOUR CONFUSION OIL FOR YOUR DOUBT OIL TO KEEP THE ANSWERS IN KEEP THE QUESTIONS OUT

OIL FOR YOUR SORROW -THE ANGER THAT YOU FEEL -OIL FOR TO BRING YOUR WAYWARD WOMEN DOWN TO HEEL

OIL TO KEEP THE UNWASHED FROM OUR SACRED SHORES OIL FOR TO KEEP THE DARK-SKINNED DEVIL FROM YOUR DOOR

OIL FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF YOUR MEMORY OIL FOR TO MAKE THIS NATION LIKE IT USED TO BE

HEY HEY SNAKE OIL

CERTIFIED DANDELION WATERED DOWN TURPENTINE PIXIE DUST AND POSSUM BRINE, YELLOW PISS OF **PORCUPINE**

TABLESPOON OF ROTGUT SHINE, ANYTHING BUT GENUINE SNAKE OIL

HOW MUCH

AS MUCH AS THE WINDOWS TO THE LIGHT AS MUCH AS THE LEFT HAND TO THE RIGHT AS MUCH AS THE SUGAR TO THE TEA THAT'S HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO ME

AS MUCH AS THE DEWDROPS TO THE GRASS AS MUCH AS THE WHISKEY TO THE GLASS AS MUCH AS THE LILACS TO THE BEE THAT'S HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO ME

YEARS RUSH BY LIKE WATERFALLS AND I FORGET TO SAY

ALL MY LITTLE THOUGHTS OF YOU OUT LOUD WORLDS OF TIME AND GOD FORBID THAT WE RUN OUT OF DAYS

AND FIND I NEVER TOLD YOU SOMEHOW

AS MUCH AS THE SUNRISE TO THE BIRDS AS MUCH AS THE MUSIC TO THE WORDS AS MUCH AS THE APRIL TO THE BREEZE THAT'S HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO ME

MY OTHER HALF, MY BETTER HALF, BESIDE ME ALL

YOU ARE MY EAST, YOU ARE MY WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH

AS MUCH AS THE ANSWER TO THE WHY AS MUCH AS THE BEAUTY TO THE EYE AS MUCH AS THE RIVERS TO THE SEA THAT'S HOW MUCH YOU MEAN AND ALL THE WORDS IN BETWEEN THAT'S HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO ME

BARN RADIO

ON AN EVENING SUCH AS THIS THERE ARE MOMENTS THAT COME BACK TO ME I GO WANDERING BACK IN TIME TO THE PRAIRIE OF MY MEMORY THERE'S A FARMYARD LIGHT ON A SUMMER NIGHT

AND THE RADIO'S ON IN THE BARN AND THE STARS AND THE MOON ARE DANCING AND MY DADDY IS WHISTLING ALONG TO A SONG ON THE OPRY SHOW AND I WANNA BE THERE IN THE WARM SUMMER AIR

WITH THE CRICKETS CHANTING

TIL THE COWS COME HOME

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AND THE BREEZE IS FROM THE SOUTH AND THE WINDMILL'S HUMMING ON THE HILL AND THE CORN IS WHISPERING WORDS AND THE CATS ARE WAITING FOR A SPILL ON THE CONCRETE FLOOR BY THE MILKHOUSE DOOR

ALL THE PLACES I HAVE BEEN ALL THE SIGHTS THAT I HAVE SEEN OMAHA TO ISTANBUL ALL THE WONDERS INBETWEEN

THERE IS NONE COMPARE

TO THE NIGHTS BACK THERE WITH THE RADIO ON

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS PLEASE SEND YOUR LOVE PLEASE SEND YOUR LOVE AND MEMORIES

YOUR MEMORIES OF THE ONE WE LOST WILL COMFORT US IN TIMES SUCH AS THESE

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS PLEASE WALK WITH US ACROSS THE FIELDS BENEATH THE TREES WHERE WE ONCE WALKED WITH THE ONE WE LOST

IT WILL COMFORT US IN TIMES SUCH AS THESE

FOR FLOWERS ARE A FAIR BUT FADING THING WE LONG FOR MORE OF WHAT WE KNOW **ENDURING COMFORTS BRING**

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS BRING YOUR CHILDREN BY YOUR CHILDRENS' EYES THE WORLD THEY SEE REMINDS US OF THE ONE WE LOST AND COMFORTS US IN TIMES SUCH AS THESE

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS PLEASE SING A SONG WITH TENDER WORDS AND HARMONIES THE SONGS WE SANG WITH THE ONE WE LOST

WILL COMFORT US IN TIMES SUCH AS THESE

TO BE THERE

(a Hymn in Times of Pandemic)

WHEN THE GOLDEN SUN RISES IN A CLEAR. **CLOUDLESS SKY**

ON THAT BLESS'D DAY THE STORM HAS PASS'D BY I'LL GREET IT WITH SWEET TEARS OF JOY IN MY EYES HOW I WANT, HOW I WANT TO BE THERE

FOR THIS SEASON A SHADOW PASSES ALL OUR

THE DOORS OF FAMILY, MINE AND YOURS ONE DAY THERE'LL BE NO SHADOW ANYMORE HOW I WANT, HOW I WANT TO BE THERE

TO BE THERE. TO BE THERE ON THAT BRIGHT SUMMER MORNING, SO FAIR WHEN WE CAST OFF THESE SORROWS, THESE WORRIES AND CARES HOW I WANT, HOW I WANT TO BE THERE

WHEN THAT GLAD MOMENT OF REUNION COMES OF NEAR AND FAR, OF OLD AND YOUNG THERE'LL BE REJOICING HEARD IN EVERY TONGUE HOW I WANT, HOW I WANT TO BE THERE

WE'LL GATHER LOVED ONES IN A FOND EMBRACE AND HAND IN HAND, AND FACE TO FACE AND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, SING AMAZING GRACE HOW I WANT, HOW I WANT TO BE THERE

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