

Red Dog Ash

"Turns On A Dime"

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Forty-five miles outside of Stockton
On the highway he walks through the night
Hoping for a ride clear to Austin
Where is brother said his mother is dying
He's a long way from home, he's been gone a long
time
A man's life can turn on a dime
He's seen it before if he's seen it just once
Watch the sun break on a thin red line

From L.A. all the way up to Pasco
No direct route just move on some more
He always arrives when it's just time go
Like friends cross to that other shore
Pick fruit in the orchards, run timber downstream
Kick back till the times get too lean
He's seen it before if he's seen it just once
Too much money gonna make you unclean

Take 99 south to the end of the line
And I'll shut my eyes on the way
Then from Phoenix to Midland, the great Texas north
Roll in to town close of day
Who knows, I might even stay

When he drifts off the dreams pass before him
Of a childhood that's almost just right
Of a small sleepy town and a steady west wind
Where the sun sets and burns off its light
He's a stranger here, a stranger there
If you see him at all you just stare
He's seen it all before if he's seen it just once
And it's been damn near too much to bear

The skyline shows up with the morning
His heart race ahead with the time
Then he slows down and stops without warning
Draws a cool breath and turns on a dime
He's too far from home, just a few miles away
His mother passed just before day
He's seen it before if he's seen it just once

You don't show up you can't ever stay

Take 99 south to the end of the line
And I'll shut my eyes on the way
Then from Phoenix to Midland, the great Texas north
Roll in to town close of day
But this time I don't think I'll stay

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