

## **Waters Roger**

### **"4 50 Am"**

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As cars go by I cast my mind's eye  
Over back packs on roof racks  
Beyond the horizon  
Where dream makers  
Working white plastic processors  
Invite the unwary  
To reach for the pie in the sky  
Go fishing my boy!

We set out in the spring  
With a trunk full of books about everything  
About solar devices  
And how nice natural childbirth is  
We cut down some trees  
And we trailed our ideals  
Through the forest glade  
We dammed up the stream  
And the kids cooled their heels  
In the fishing pool we'd made

We held hands and we exchanged bands  
And we practically lived off the land  
You adopted a fox cub  
Whose mother was somebody's coat  
You fed him by hand  
And then snuggled snuggled him down  
By the grandfather bed while I wrote  
And we grew our own maize  
And I only occasionally went into town  
To stock up on antibiotics  
And shells for the shotgun that I kept around  
I told the kids stories while you worked your loom  
And the sun went down sooner each day

[Jade:] "Chapter six in which Eeyore has a birthday  
And gets two presents."

[Child:] "Daddy...come on dad."

[Jade:] "Eeyore the old grey donkey stood by the side  
Of the stream and he looked at himself in the water  
'Pathetic' he said, 'That's what it is'  
'Good morning Eeyore' said Pooh

'Oh' said Pooh, He thought for a long time

The leaves all fell down  
Our crops all turned brown  
It was over  
As the first snowflakes fell  
I realized all was not well in the camp  
The kids caught bronchitis  
The space heater ran out of diesel  
One weekend a friend from the East  
Rot his soul  
Stole your heart  
I said, fuck it then  
Take the kids back to town  
Maybe I'll see you around

I said, go then  
She said, OK  
And so...leaving all our hopes and dreams  
To the wind and the rain  
Taking only our stash  
Left our litter and trash  
And set out on the road again  
On the road again  
On the road again  
[Child:] "Bye Bye Daddy, Bye Daddy  
You can bring Pearl she's a darn nice girl  
But don't bring Liza."

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