

Bright Eyes

"Man Named Truth"

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(Performed with Gillian Welch and David Rawlings)

Don't ever buy nothing from a man named Truth
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I'll tell you right now that it ain't no use
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Pain was hunting me down but I gave him the slip

I left the city through a tunnel and I headed for the
skids
With a-rain or oil in the morphine drip
Pain was a-hunting me down but I gave him the slip
And I fell in love with the biblical twins
And there's thirty-four summers between the two of
them
I gave one my ego, I gave one my id
Yeah, I got to get back to my pretty little twins

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I was lost for a year in those almond trees
The sun was rising in the south and setting in the east
I was a half awake, I was half asleep
I thought I'd never get out of those almond trees

And don't think too slow in circling the sun
You'll get buried alive when the caterpillar comes
Tapping your time on congo drums
Just don't think too slow in the circling sun

I met a black-skinned man with an ice cream grin
And a blonde afghan with some heroin
And we moved to the mountains where the highway
ends
And I got myself that ice cream grin

So don't search too long for that Aztec gold
Well, like old Cortez, you'll lose your soul

Turn an honest man into Diablo
Yeah, don't trade your soul for no Aztec gold

Don't ever buy nothing from a man named Truth
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You look in my eyes, you can (and you'll) see the proof
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