

## Buckethead

### "Road Trip"

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He's got one hand on the steering wheel  
The other's playing in the wind  
And he turns up that song he used to love  
But was always embarrassed to admit  
And he sings out loud and clear  
But only out here.  
He's passing up the fruit stands  
And tourist traps  
He saves his money for convenient-store  
Coffee, smokes, and gas  
Knows a sure-fire way  
And has the will of his want  
He says, "This time things are gonna be different"  
"This time I'm gonna do as I pleases"  
He signals right on a random exit  
That ol' time warp came into view  
He said, "I'll have the 99-cent breakfast  
And coffee brewed to wake the dead"  
And hands back a sticky menu  
The waitress calls him "honey"  
My God, she must've worked here  
All her life  
And he started missing home  
'Til he remembered why he'd left,  
Sat back and reset his sights  
And he wants  
The world to hold him like a baby  
Never treat him like a child  
He thinks his tears are some big secret  
The only one kept by the night  
Only at night  
So he picks a dream--any dream  
Follows it for a while then says, "It's just not me"  
"No, I'm not running. I'll well on my way"  
He still has her picture on his dash  
Yeah, that tramp gave back his ring  
But every time he's near a pay phone  
He's tempted again  
He could call as just a friend, lift his voice  
And mask his pain  
But he won't give her the satisfaction

No, he won't lower himself again.  
He says, "This time things are gonna be different"  
So he calls me collect about 12 am his time  
And he said that job fell through  
But there's another one across the line  
And I asked, already knowing, if he was okay  
And he said, "Yeah. It's just--sometimes..."  
So I hugged best I could with words  
And with a shrug in his voice  
That couldn't fool a stranger  
He finally got around to asking,  
"Did she ask about me?"  
I wish I could have said "yes".

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