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Jackson Browne "Sergio Leone"

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He came 'round here with his camera and some of his American friends

Where the money is immortal and the killing never ends

He set out from Cinecitta through the ruined streets of Rome

To shoot in Almeria and bring the bodies home

He said I'll be rich or I'll be dead I've got it all here in my head

He could see the killers' faces and he heard the song they sang

Where he waited in the darkness with the Viale Glorioso gang

He could see the blood approaching and he knew what he would be

Since the days when he was first assisting The Force of Destiny

He worked for Walsh and Wyler with the chariot and sword

When he rode out in the desert he was quoting Hawks and Ford

He came to see the masters and he left with what he saw

What he stole from Kurosawa he bequeathed to Peckinpah

From the Via Tuscolana to the view from Miller Drive He shot the eyes of bad men and kept their deaths alive

With the darkness and the anguish of a Goya or Van Cleef

He rescued truth from beauty and meaning from belief

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