

James McMurtry "You'd A' Thought"

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I'm runnin' 'round in circles and I'm chasin' my tail Carvin' my initials with a rusty nail I train my intentions man it happens without fail You'd a' thought that I'd know better by now

It might be some dark secret I keep bottled up inside Or just a minuscule transgression I should'na tried to hide

It's not the size that matters, It's deceit you can't abide You'd a' thought that I'd know better by now

And of course she knows 'cause I can't fool her And I know she knows 'cause she don't fool me And she knows I know she knows and we might discuss it eventually

When the pressure builds 'til it blows the seals all out from in between

You'd a' thought that we'd know better by now

You'd a' thought that we'd know better
You'd a' though we'd understand
Through all the smoke and mirrors
I guess we do the best we can
Hidin' out, without a doubt, it's getting out a' hand
You'd a' thought that we'd know better by now

And I've seen the phantoms hidin' in the shadows in her eyes

It's not that I'm not threatened, it's just that I'm not surprised

'Good for the gander' said the old folks but they lied You'd a' thought that we'd know better by now

Now they circle up the wagons expressing deep dismay That we know all the words they just can't bring themselves to say

There's so much they never tell ya, there's so much they hide away

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