

Jim Lauderdale "Patchwork River"

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Heard Joe Farmer say, â€˜scuse me please*
Those were the days, but so are these
Pull over park, turn off the key
Letâ€™s go walkinâ€™ just you and me
Sometimes always, sometimes never
Been this way damn near forever
Promises that donâ€™t deliver
Letâ€™s sit down to Patchwork River
Patchwork River, Patchwork River
Me and Joe Farmer walked down together
Talk about hopes, talk about schemes
Talk about salvaginâ€™ some of our dream
Heard Joe Farmer say, if I may
Serve you breakfast on a supper tray
Got no eggs but I saved some shell
Lost the clapper but I found the bell
This manâ€™s father is that manâ€™s son
Bothers and sisters, has he none
Look in the shavinâ€™ glass, whatâ€™s he see
Looks like mama but it talks like me
Patchwork River, Patchwork River
Me and Joe Farmer walked down together
Tell a few jokes at our own expense
â€™Bout life on the other side of the fence
Heard Joe Farmer say, donâ€™t be shy
Same rules apply as in days gone by
Styles may vary and the lingo been
What it all boils down to in the end
Pay your dues and take your chance
Donâ€™t mistake hunger for romance
Forgiveness is nifty, but enoughâ€™s enough
When they keep on pullinâ€™ that same old stuff
Patchwork River, Patchwork River
Me and Joe Farmer walked down together
Talk about wealth and the worry it brings
Lack of satisfaction and other things
Vision is simple by moonlight, everything black and
white
No colors to construe, just a range black and blue
Softer tones, fewer voices
Freedom from too many choices
New born moon, a silver sliver

Gleamin' on the Patchwork River
Heard Joe Farmer say, just in case
You feel like cutting' right to the chase
I would never stand in your way
But there's one thing I wanna say
What you do for love alone will last
The rest just clutters up your past
If you don't know that much by now
You're never gonna learn it anyhow
Patchwork River, Patchwork River
Me and Joe Farmer walked down together
Talk about hopes, talk about schemes
Talk about salvagin' some of our dreams
Patchwork River, flowin' with song
Patchwork clouds are driftin' along
Talk about hopes, talk about schemes
Talk about salvagin' some of our dream

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