

# Jimmy Webb

## "The Highwayman"

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### THE HIGHWAYMAN

I was a highwayman  
Along the coach roads I did ride  
With sword and pistol by my side  
Many a young maid lost her baubles to my trade  
Many a soldier shed his life blood on my blade  
The bastards hung me in the spring of '25  
But I am still alive

I was a sailor  
I was born upon the tide  
And with the sea I did abide  
I sailed a schooner 'round the horn to Mexico  
I went aloft to furl the mainsail in a blow  
And when the yards broke off they said that I got killed  
But I am living still

I was a dam builder  
Across the river deep and wide  
Where steel and water did collide

A place called Boulder on the wild Colorado  
I slipped and fell into the wet concrete below  
They buried me in that great tomb that knows no sound  
But I am still around..  
I'll always be around, and around, and around, and  
around, and around..

I'll fly a starship  
Across the Universe divide  
And when I reach the other side  
I'll find a place to rest my spirit if I can  
Perhaps I may become a highwayman again  
Or I may simply be a single drop of rain  
But I will remain  
And I'll be back again  
and again, and again, and again, and again...

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