John Gorka "Ignorance & Privilege"

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I was born to privilege that I did not see
Lack of pigment in my skin, won a free and easy in
I didn't know it, but my way was paved

I grew up a Catholic boy, in a northeastern state A place when asked 'Where you from', some people tend to hesitate

Reply a little late, as if maybe you didn't rate I was born to privilege and ignorance.

My dad ran a printing press, a tag and label factory I may have seen it as a child, now a distant memory Almost too faint to see, dark red brick factory I didn't know it but my way was paved

We moved from a city street, shortly after I arrived To a house on a gravel road, where I learned to be alive

Crawl, walk, run and ride, that's where I learned to come alive

I didn't know it, but my way was paved

If the wind is at your back and you never turn around You may never know the wind is there You may never hear the sound

Got to grow and go to school, work at home and dream at night

Even be a college fool, like I had any right Never went through a war, never Great Depression poor

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Nose to the grindstone, shoulder to the wheel Back against the wall, maybe you know how it feels

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