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"Straight Outta Time"

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A hot summer night
I was countin' all the starlight on your skin
Airtight
Is I watched you breathin' out an' breathin' in

By the lake
So humid that the moon was gettin' wet
For our sake
The crickets started playin' their castanets

Like a gypsy
You stole me from a child into a man
It never hit me
I've been runnin' ever since I took a stand

And this love
Like a Spanish moss hangin from the trees
And just swayin' in the breeze
Like a sweet memory

Runnin' straight outta time
Straight outta time
I'm runnin' straight outta time
Straight outta time
Since you were mine

An that autumn chill
Sent a shiver, girl, it shook us to the bone
And we still
Had February frozen on the phone

Spring thaw
Would it find us with our lips frozen blue?
Well love calls
But do we really live the time we're runnin' through?

Or like a dream
Do we let it die and drift away to sleep?
Until it screams
Like an echo in the history books you keep

'Cause that stream

Runnin' from the corners of my mind
Well lookin' back I find
Ah like a river it unwinds

I'm runnin' straight outta time
Straight outta time
I'm runnin' straight outta time
Straight outta time

I'm running straight out of time
Just like an old man's fiddle
Lookin' for the dance
Gonna meet me in the middle
I'm never gonna figure out the way that I feel
I'm runnin' straight outta time
But my love's still real

Now I see you
You're lookin' pretty in your summer dress
I can almost feel you
As you clutch your little locket to your breast

Lookin' down
The picture, girl, you know you're lookin' fine
Is it me?
Was I ever in your heart or on your mind?

Cause I'm runnin' outta time
I'm runnin' straight outta time
Were you ever mine?

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