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Kathy Mattea "Leaving West Virginia"

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(Tim O'Brien)

Late in the day when shadows start to play

On my backdoor and up and down this alleyway

I think back on the times with your hand in mine

We sat talking low...late in the day

It seems you never know a good thing till it goes

Slippin' through your fingers...that's just the price I pay

For being on my own and doin' the best I can

Now I'm alone without a plan...late in the day

Now I pour whiskey, break the ice

Put my feet up and close my eyes

I try hard to listen to what my heart might say

Try to find the rhyme to take me back in time

And be with you here...late in the day

Now, I look out over tops of houses and the shops

As the sun sets, another day does wind down

And my life is still the same, my lips still call your name

And my heart can't hide the pain...late in the day

Now I pour whiskey, break the ice

Put my feet up and close my eyes

I try hard to listen to what my heart might say

Try to find the rhyme to take me back in time

And be with you here...late in the day

My life is still the same

My lips still call your name

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Late in the day

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