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"Sabre And The Rose"

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Feet hit the ground, feet leavin' town
Quicker than a bullet or a knife
Fallin' ain't no fun when you're on the run, honey
We was running for our life.

When Stagger Lee had drunk his fill of moonlight
He turned his burning eyes upon my soul
It's time my God to spend this night with someone else
he said
Squeeze a little pleasure from the gold love and glory
We can take it easy when we're old.

He said we'll take us into town lay our money down
I'll bring you to the sweetest thing that grows
Because the fairest ones in sight are bloomin' every
night
At a tavern called the Sabre and the Rose.

We swang into the saddle sick as breathing
And slapped 'em once for pleasure with the reins
The horses snorted frosty in the moonlight
Somethin' dark was singing in my veins older than the
voices in my brain.

He said this place you're gonna see is why they live
and breathe
And sink down a little bit deeper everyday
And sometimes at night when the wind is running right
You can hear it suckin' thirty miles away.

Then the light was crimson and I found her
All naked and eternal and insane
Secred as the mysteries around her like a veil
Nothin' but her prison was profane
All we had in common was our chains
Oh, burn it down boys burn it to the ground boys. burn it
on down.

Feet hit the ground feet leavin' town quicker than a

bullet or a knife
All there was she ran holdin' to my hand
Runnin' for the river and our life
Slidin' from the moonlight into shadows silent as the
river as it flows
Swimmin' to the place they'll never find us all
We left behind us was our clothes
And the stories children sing about the Sabre and the
Rose...

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