

**M****"Objects In The Rear View Mirror May Appear Closer Than They Are"**

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The skies were pure and the fields were green  
And the sun was brighter than it's ever been  
When I grew up with my best friend Kenny  
We were close as any brothers than you ever knew

It was always summer and the future called  
We were ready for adventures and we wanted them all  
And there was so much left to dream and so much time  
to make it real

But I can still recall the sting of all the tears when he  
was gone  
They said he crashed and burned  
I know I'll never learn why any boy should die so young

We were racing, we were soldiers of fortune  
We got in trouble but we sure got around  
There are times I think I see him peeling out of the dark  
I think he's right behind me now and he's gaining  
ground

Chorus:

But it was long ago and it was far away, oh God it  
seems so very far  
And if life is just a highway, then the soul is just a car  
And objects in the rear view mirror may appear closer  
than they are  
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(Solo)

And when the sun descended and the night arose  
I heard my father cursing everyone he knows  
He was dangerous and drunk and defeated

And corroded by failure and envy and hate

There were endless winters and the dreams would  
freeze  
Nowhere to hide and no leaves on the trees  
And my father's eyes were blank as he hit me again  
and again and again

I know I still believe he'd never let me leave, I had to  
run away alone So  
many threats and fears, so many wasted years before  
my life became my own

And though the nightmares should be over  
Some of the terrors are still intact  
I'll hear that ugly coarse and violent voice  
And then he grabs me from behind and then he pulls  
me back

chorus

(Solo)

There was a beauty living on the edge of town  
And she always put the top up and the hammer down  
And she taught me everything I'll ever know  
About the mystery and the muscle of love

The stars would glimmer and the moon would glow  
I'm in the back seat with my Julie like a Romeo  
And the signs along the highway all said, Caution! Kids  
At Play!

Those were the rights of spring and we did everything  
There was salvation every night  
We got our dreams reborn and our upholstery torn  
But everything we tried was right

She used her body just like a bandage, she used my  
body just like a wound  
I'll probably never know where she disappeared But I  
can see her rising up  
out of the back seat now Just like an angel rising up  
from a tomb

chorus

And objects in the rear view mirror may appear closer  
than they are  
(repeats 6x)

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(repeats 6x)

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