

## Cory Branan "Whiskey Grove"

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My name is Miguel Simone

A man who walked it alone

At least that's what it says on the stone under the sycamore

My mother was dead by the time i was born In the black of my eyes the gypsy woman warned She could already see my path torn between the sun and the moon

So i walked it and i walked it straight

Until i passed through so many a gate

That not even the blame and the hate of my father could follow

So roll me into my last shallow bed

Use carpenter tacks in the lid

Waste not the silk on my head my lover has wove

See that no roses touch my grave

No prayers to a god i never forgave

No final wishes, save that you

Bury my body and me down by Whiskey Grove

I once knew the love of a wife

Sometimes the nectar, sometimes the knife But it always seemed that my life was lived alongside of things

Three children born one hot July

She clutched the one that did not die

The heat and the light just passed by as i carried the other two -

I still carry the other two

I've seen the place where the daylight was killed And the blood of a blue moon lay spilled

Where hearts go quiet, memory stilled, rest is bestowed

It's a place where the cup passeth over for good And even Jesus would've hid if he could

In that forsaken stretch of wood they call Whiskey

Grove

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