

## **Dan Bern**

# **"Black Tornado"**

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Black Tornado - Dan Bern from his album New American Language

I been speaking-  
later and later in the day-  
Most days I don't talk  
'til maybe 8 o'clock at night It keeps me whole,  
It keeps me holy. It keeps me way up  
in the mountains even when I'm on the road  
It keeps me coming up for air  
Keeps me airing out some come  
It keeps me cool

And everyplace I go is one less place I could call home  
And every girl I kiss, well I just cross her off my list  
I don't go far  
I just go crazy  
I buried all of my old clothes out in some field in West  
Des Moines  
And if you judge me tonight  
Judge me by the songs I write  
That's who I am to you  
(background) lil more guitar)

(chourus)And there's a Black Tornado  
Black Tornado  
Spinning around in my body sometimes  
Black Tornado  
a Black Tornado  
Spinning around in my body sometimes

And I could do tonight with something soft and warm  
and furry  
But that ain't likely to occur in southcentral Missouri  
It's a day off  
It's an off-day  
It's a Budweiser, Budgetel, Bukowski kind of night  
All I got's what's on my back  
this Guitar and a backpack  
My soul's intact

(chourus)And there's a Black Tornado. . . .

And everything is changing faster than I can describe  
All I really know to do is grab the wheel and drive  
I look for love  
And some adventure  
And I try not to let my own breathing scare me off the  
road  
There is a tombstone  
Of my father I visit sometimes  
There is a tombstone  
Of my father I visit sometimes  
  
And there's a Black Tornado...

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