

## David Allan Coe "Canteen Of Water"

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HE CARRIES HIS IDS

AND HIS BOOKS BOUND IN LEATHER

AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHING

AND A PICTURE OF ANNA WHEN SHE WAS YOUNGER

LEST HE FORGET HER.

AND IN AMONG HIS PAPERS

IS A LIST OF ALL THE PEOPLE HE KNEW

AND MANY SENT LETTERS

TELLING SOMEONE THAT HE'D BE THERE

SOMETIME SOON.

HEY STRANGER! AREN'T YOU THE TIREDNESS THAT  
REMAINS

WHEN YOU THINK FREEDOM CANT BE MEASURED

BY THE SCUFFLES ON YOUR BOOTS?

HEY HEY HEY  
NOW HE DREAMS OF ANNA A LIFE IN THE TIME THEY  
WERE TOGETHER

HE WAS HARD AND SHE WAS SUPPLE

WHERE THEY LIVED OUT IN THE COUNTRY

SHE THOUGHT GENTLE  
LIKE HIS HANDS UPON HER BODY

AND WHEN ANNA FELT THE COOLING WIND

DAVID FELT THE NEED TO BE BLOWN DOWN  
AND WHEN ANNA FELT THE CLEANSING RAIN  
DAVID FOUGHT THE FEAR THAT HE MIGHT DROWN  
HEY STRANGER! AND NOW YOU WONDER THROUGH  
THE COUNTRY  
THAT YOU HOPE IS MUCH LESS FRIGHTENING  
WHEN ITS QUICKER PASSING BY  
HEY HEY HEY  
NOW IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA  
AT THE LAST CHANCE DINER COUNTER  
BEING QUESTIONED BY THE WAITRESS  
HE PREPARES FOR THE DESERT  
WITH HIS FREEDOM  
AND A CANTEEN OF WATER

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