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"Gentle On My Mind"

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It's knowing that your door is always open and your
path is free to walk
That makes me tend to leave my sleeping bag rolled
up
And stashed behind your couch
And it's knowing I'm not shackled by forgotten words
and bons
And the ink stains that have dried upon some line
That keeps you in the back roads by the rivers of my
mem'ry
That keeps you ever gentle on my mind
It's not clinging to the rocks and I'd be planted on their
columns now that bind me
Or something that somebody said because they
thought we fit together walking
It's just knowing that the world will not be cursing or
forgiving
When I walk along some railroad track and find
That you're movin' on the back roads by the rivers of
my mem'ry
For hours you're just gentle on my mind
Though the wheat fields and the clothes lines
And the junk yards and the highways come between us
And some other woman cryin' to her mother cause she
turned and I was gone
I still might run in silence tears of joy might stain my
face
And a summer sun might burn me till I'm blind
But not to where I cannot see you walking on the back
roads
By the rivers flowin' gentle on my mind
I dipped my cup of soap back from a gurglin' cracklin'
caltron in some train yard
My beard a roughen coal pile and a dirty hat pulled low
across my face
Through cupped hands round a tin can I pretend I hold
you to my breast and find
That you're wavin' from the back roads by the rivers of
my mem'ry
Ever smiling ever gentle on my mind

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