

## The Avett Brothers

### "Once And Future Carpenter"

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I ain't from Texas, but I made my way from Dallas  
And I know the lonesome sound is following  
I ain't a gambler, but I can recognize a hand  
And when to hold, when the queens are staring back at  
me  
Once I was a carpenter, man my hands were calloused  
I could swing a metal mallet sure and straight  
But I took to the highway, a poet young and hungry  
And I left the timbers rotting where they lay

Forever I will move like the world that turns beneath me  
And when I lose my direction I'll look up to the sky  
And when the black cloak drags upon the ground  
I'll be ready to surrender, and remember  
Well we're all in this together  
If I live the life I'm given, I won't be scared to die

And I don't come from Detroit, but her diesel motors  
pull me  
And I followed till I finally lost my way  
And now I spend my days in search of a woman we  
called purpose  
And if I ever pass back through her town I'll stay

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And when I lose my direction I'll look up to the sky  
And when the black dress drags upon the ground  
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And my life is but a coin, pulled from an empty pocket  
Dropped into a slot with dreams of sevens close behind  
And hope and fear go with it, and moon and the sun go  
spinning  
Like the numbers and fruits before our eyes

Sometimes I hit, sometimes it robs me blind  
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