

Gathering Field "Bound To Be"

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Raised on words like "punishment" and "God will get
you
If you don't do what you're told."
Nuns turned children into fearful right
handed little
Servants of the Lord

And then the atom bomb fell down on Hiroshima, North
Dakota
The year she turned sixteen
And she said, "There is something very wrong here.
Do you know what I mean? Do you know what I mean?"

'Cause I got visions forming in my head
And I keep hearing what the preacher said
Said this world will be the death of me
I know it will, it's bound to be
Bound to be"

Satchel full of broken hopes and empty picture
postcards
That she'd never send
Her mama sitting on the front porch step
Daddy frowning in the darkened doorway, waving his
regret
Then she was jumping on the Santa Fe, summer night
in 1947
Bound for God knew where
And she said, "I can see destruction fast approaching.
I feel it in the air. I feel it in the air.

And I got visions forming in my head
(See the blood on the horizon)
And I keep hearing what the preacher said
(Said the truth will set you free)
Said this world will be the death of me
(I got no one to rely on)
I know it will, it's bound to be."
(Except for me...)

On a road in Valparaiso, she met a hobo named Old
John

They hunkered down in a gazebo, and chose a star to
gaze upon
Old John said he could see her slipping, and he asked
her what was wrong
She said, "The rope I had been gripping turned to sand
And now it's gone, now it's gone.

Can't you see the writing on the blood soaked blue
horizon
Plain as VJ day. Hear the barking of the
Drowning dogs, frozen like so many Eisenhower
Statues in Pompei. I think I'll take another taste
Old John, to numb my heart, God knows I'm falling fast
as
Atoms through the sky." She said,
"This world it sure ain't no place to live in
But it ain't no place to die. No it ain't no place to die..."

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