

## State Champion "Keeping Time"

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Why'd you go out east my boy?  
Why'd you go out there?  
Did your papa say that the time of day  
Is only secondary to the price that you pay to know?  
Oh no

And why'd you leave my back my boy?  
I thought you was with me with me 'til the end  
Why'd you leave my back my boy?  
I thought that you was whisky and I was gin  
Laid out on some bar together  
Dusty eyed but getting better as each calendar goes  
In the trash with the atlas and the maps  
Of all the circles we drove  
'Cause there ain't no one keeping time no more  
But these assholes knocking on my door  
Is that the cops or the devil or the goddamn Lord  
Who knows?

I saw the federation flag  
Doubled over like a dancer on her side  
And when I called I called to tell you  
That your favorite of the athletes had died  
He offed his family and left nothing  
But an orchid on the nightstand alive  
Still you didn't pick me up but what the fuck  
I figured why not try

'Cause there ain't a reason to be good my boy  
Though I've seen others try in the past

There ain't a reason to be good my boy  
Though I have seen others they've died for less  
Horizontal on the prairie  
Still as the snow and buried by the dark  
While there's vampires on that altar  
With their teeth inside the neck of my guitar

But there just ain't no one keeping time no more  
So I got in my car and I drove  
To the White House in my church clothes  
Just to see if you were sleeping on the lawn

But all I found was freedom in a window  
Blinking my name in neon (please keep it on)  
I fell asleep myself you know  
I was dreaming of the Tri-State and beyond  
I had Lincoln looking over me saying  
"Fuck it man I guess the golden days are gone"

'Cause there ain't no one keeping time no one  
There ain't no one keeping time  
The minister is knee-deep in wine  
And who are you and I to go and argue with the Lord  
After eighteen years of sleeping on his floor?  
There ain't no one keeping time  
Ain't nobody keeping mine  
Ain't no one keeping time no more

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