

## **Nick Cave & The Bad Seed "Papa Won't Leave You, Henry"**

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I went out walking the other day  
The heat hung wet around my neck  
My head it rung with screams and groans  
From the night I spent amongst her bones

And I past beside the mission house  
Where that mad old buzzard, the reverend  
Shrieked and flapped  
About life after you're dead

Well, I thought about my friend, Michel  
How they rolled him in linoleum  
And they shot him in the neck  
A bloody halo, like a think-bubble

Circling his head and I bellowed at the firmament  
Looks like the rains are hear to stay  
And the rain pissed down upon me  
And washed me all away, saying

?Papa won't leave you, Henry  
Papa won't leave you, boy  
Papa won't leave you, Henry  
Papa won't leave you, boy?

?Well, the road is long and the road is hard  
And many fall by the side  
But Papa won't leave you, Henry  
So there ain't no need to cry?

And I went on down the road  
He went on down the road  
And I went on down the road  
He went on down the road

Well, the moon it looked exhausted  
Like something you should pity  
Spent an age-spotted  
Above the sizzling wires of the city

Well, it reminded me of her face  
And her bleached and hungry eyes

Her hair was like a curtain  
Falling open with the laughter

And closing with the lies  
And the ghost of her still lingers on  
Though she's passed through me  
And is gone

Well, the slum dogs, they are barking  
The rain children on the streets  
And the tears that we will weep today  
Will all be washed away  
By the tears that we will weep  
We'll weep again tomorrow

?Papa won't leave you, Henry  
Papa won't leave you, boy  
Papa won't leave you, Henry  
Papa won't leave you, boy

For the road is long and the road is hard  
And many fall by the side, side  
But Papa won't leave you, Henry  
So there ain't no need to cry?

And I went on down the road  
He went on down the road  
Oh, yeah, I went on down the road  
He went on down the road

And I came upon a little house  
A little house upon a hill  
And I entered through and the curtain hissed  
Into the house with its blood-red bowels  
Where wet-lipped women with greasy fists  
Crawled the ceilings and the walls  
And they filled me full of drink  
And they led me round the rooms

Naked and cold and grinning  
Until everything went black  
And I came down spinning

I awoke so drunk and full of rage  
That I could hardly speak  
A fag in a whale-bone corset  
Draping his dick across my cheek

Well it's into the shame  
And it's into a guilt  
And it's into the fucking fray

And the walls ran red around me  
A warm arterial spray saying

?Papa won't leave you, Henry  
Papa won't leave you, boy  
Papa won't leave you, Henry  
Papa won't leave you, boy?

?Well, the night is dark and the night is deep  
And its jaws are open wide  
Well Papa won't leave you, Henry  
So there ain't no need to cry?

And I went on down the road  
He went on down the road  
Oh, yeah, I went on down the road  
He went on down the road

It's the rainy season where I'm living  
Death comes leaping out of every doorway  
Wasting you for your money, for your clothes  
And for your nothing

Entire towns being washed away  
Favelas exploding on inflammable spillways  
And the lynch-mobs, death squads, babies being born  
without brains  
The mad heat and the relentless rains

Well, if you stick your arm into that hole  
It comes out sheared off to the bone  
And with her kisses bubbling on my lips  
I swiped the rain and I nearly missed

And then I went on down the road  
He went on down the road

Papa won't leave you, Henry  
Papa won't leave you, boy  
Papa won't leave you, Henry  
Papa won't leave you, boy

Well, the road is long and the road is hard  
And many fall by the side  
But Papa won't leave you, Henry  
So there ain't no need to cry

And I went on down the road  
He went on down the road  
Oh, yeah, I went on down the road  
He went on down the road

Bent beneath my heavy load  
Under his heavy load  
Yeah, I went on down that road  
He went on down the road

And I went on down that road

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