

## **The Nightwatchman "California's Dark"**

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It started in basements  
And it started in sheds  
It started in backyards  
And was hidden under beds

I turned on the TV  
Don't believe a word they say  
We can't stay here now, love  
And we can't get away

There's a riot on Sunset  
And fires burn in the park  
The sun has set, my friend  
And California's dark

And over the screaming  
I heard a clear voice  
I looked at my choices  
Yeah, and I made a choice

Smoke and ashes  
Tonight hide the stars  
The stop lights are red now, love  
We come for what's ours

There's a riot on Sunset  
And fires burn in the park  
The sun has set my friend  
And California's dark

Come stand among the rattlesnakes  
At the side of the desert road  
And close your eyes and listen  
To the music hard and cold

Tonight the moon is blackened  
Tonight the doors are shut  
Behind the shuttered windows  
We pray that the sun will come up

For something walks across these fields  
For which there is no name

Now, you might have heard different, sonny  
But I was there when it came

It will start with a spark  
And a great fire will grow  
Don't know how I know it, man  
Yeah, but I just know

There's a riot on Sunset  
And fires burn in the park  
The sun sets everywhere  
And the whole damn country's dark, yeah

Now, there's a riot on Sunset  
And fires burnin' in the park  
The sun has set my friend  
And California's dark

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