

The Nightwatchman

"The Whirlwind"

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From zero to sixty
In one or two lifetimes
Can't find the criminal
Just follow the pipeline
I sing for my supper
Of fuel, sand and shot
And pray that the cannons
Will pound the guilt I got

I'm willing to negotiate
They fire from the precipice
An army of grizzlies
Divide up the rest of us
The problem I have with
The movie is just that
The cameras were shaky
And just missed the blood-bath.

Chorus:
An ash-covered highway
Silent and frozen
I dreamed that you held me
It was me you were holding
I stood in the whirlwind
Of shrapnel and sawdust
Outside of the motel
And then it was just us

The borders are closin'
No one goes in or out
The assets, all frozen
In sixteen Swiss bank accounts
A red rage in my brain
A fear of hegemony
I look back, I heard the shot
My friend said, "Was it me?"

How can you sit back and wait
The battle is ragin'
"Hold-on man, I'm comin'
Just straight'nin' my cage first"

Three-hundred closed caskets
A world-famous symphony
Of angry ghosts singing
And marching from Wounded Knee

Chorus:
An ash-covered highway
Silent and frozen
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It was me you were holding
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Outside of the motel
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A colonial investment
In steel or in iron
The natives are restless
Can't blame 'em for trying
The lightning blows through
The legion it enters
The hail it follows
And smashes the center

I sit 'round the table
With strangers and friends
My dad knows it's coming
And still he pretends
My brother he smiles,
Reveals the secret
The step-mother shudders
She just can't believe it

Chorus:
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Repeat chorus
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