

## **Jr. Robert Earl Keen**

### **"Not A Drop Of Rain"**

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The streets are almost empty, the shops are all closed  
down

There's not a soul left in the bar to tell my troubles to  
Think I'll walk down to the river that runs just south of  
town

I hate like hell when there ain't nothing left to do

But stand beneath the river bridge and listen for the  
train

It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rain

I broke down in December and headed for the coast  
I thought the wind and water would elevate my mind  
I surfaced in the springtime feeling like a ghost  
Missing more than ever the things I left behind

Now I'm standing on this river bank and still cannot  
explain

It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rain

My bag is full of letters unopened and unread  
I'm sure they tell the story of worry and reform  
My heart is beating heavy with all we left unsaid  
I swear to you I never meant you any harm

But sacrifice and compromise could never stand the  
strain

It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rain

Tonight I close my eyes again and try to see your face  
Listen for your voice to tell me it's all right to sleep  
Convince myself I'll wake up in another time and place  
Knowing all the while it's a promise I can't keep

A string of broken promises another link of chain  
It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rain

The children on the playground, the lovers in the shade  
Remind me of a life and time that feels more like a  
dream

When the sound of love and laughter was the music

that we played  
As we lay beside the waters of the never ending stream

Now the stream's gone into hiding, the dream lives on  
in vain  
It's been a long hot summer, not a drop of rain

The clouds are building slowly on the skyline to the  
east  
The wind and dust are dancing like the devil 'cross the  
lake  
I could try and find a bottle or try and find a breeze  
Salvation won't be traveling either road I take

So I turn my collar to the wind that echoes this refrain  
It's been a long, hot summer, not a drop of rain  
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