## Robert Earl Keen "Goin' Nowhere Blues"

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In the corner of the barroom
Lives the ghost of Langston Hughes
He?s takin? notes and smokin? cigarettes
Sippin? slowly on his booze
Got them goin? nowhere blues

And on the stage beneath the spotlight Woody Guthrie sings the news He?s always ready for the good fight Never thinkin? that he?ll lose Got them goin? nowhere blues

Through the back way in the alley Sellin' all you should refuse Looks like Jane has finally given in Hey, what the hell it ain?t no use Got them goin? nowhere blues

Out the front around the corner Martin Luther shines your shoes He?s preachin? justice and equality I guess Martin?s payin? dues He?s got them goin? nowhere blues

On the other side it?s a free ride You?ve got money you can burn When the ground shakes and the earth breaks Which way you gonna turn? Are you ever gonna learn?

In the poolroom on the table Swillin? wine and smashin? cues They locked him up last night for fighting Cesar Chavez blew a fuse He?s got them goin? nowhere blues

All the members of the union
All the farm and labor crews
They used to be meet here by the dozens
They disappeared in ones and twos
Got them goin? nowhere blues

So you wonder why they come here They come here to look for clues Passin? time until they live again To fight these going nowhere views Leave these goin? nowhere blues To fight these goin? nowhere views

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