

## **Robert Earl Keen**

# **"Road to No Return/Carolina"**

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Out along the road to no return  
Silence rules the day and knows no friend  
The troubled past and all her tribe adjourn  
To watch your dreams unravel in the wind

Chorus  
But each new morning sunrise  
Is just as good as gold  
And all the hope inside you  
Will keep you from the cold  
Bare your soul let your spirit burn  
Out along the road to no return

The sweet smell of nighttime rides on the breeze  
The river is winding through the hickory trees  
The redbones are howling down by Wilson's Bridge  
The lawmen stand waiting upon Deadman's Ridge

Chorus  
Ooh Carolina so dark I can't see  
Ooh Carolina won't you let me go free

I came here with Lily a year just last fall  
We left her old daddy back in Oonegal  
We made us a home place of Black Mountain stone  
But one cold winter morning I woke up alone

Chorus  
Days full of silence are so incomplete  
Nights without Lily I took to the streets  
And in the streets of Asheville I channeled my pain  
'Til one raging black night I slept in the rain

I dreamed of a refuge a red velvet world  
And I swore my sweet Lily was one of the girls  
I loved her so madly I loved her so long  
I woke with my dream girl but her life was all gone

Chorus

Love has no boundary sorrow no end  
And the lawmen of Asheville have no mercy in them

Chorus

Let me reach Tennessee

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