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"The Road Goes On Forever"

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Sherry was a waitress at the only joint in town
She had a reputation as a girl who'd been around
Down Main Street after midnight with a brand new pack
of ciggs
A fresh one hangin' from her lips and a beer between
her legs
She'd ride down to the river and meet with all her
friends
The road goes on forever and the party never ends

Sonny was a loner, he was older than the rest
He was going into the navy but he couldn't pass the
test
So he hung around town, he sold a little pot
The law caught wind of Sonny and one day he got
caught
But he is back in business when they set him free again
The road goes on forever and the party never ends

Sonny's playin' 8-ball at the joint where Sherry works
When some drunken outta townner put his hand up
Sherry's skirt
Sonny took his pool cue laid the drunk out on the floor
Stuffed a dollar in her tip jar and walked on out the
door
She's runnin' right behind him reachin' for his hand
The road goes on forever and the party never ends

They jumped into his pickup Sonny jammed her down
in gear
Sonny looked at Sherry and said let's get on outta here
The stars were high above them and the moon was in
the East
The sun was settin' on them when they reached Miami
Beach
They got a motel by the water and a quart of Bombay
gin
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They soon ran out of money but Sonny knew a man
Who knew some Cuban refugees that dealt in
contraband

Sonny met the Cubans in a house just off the route
With a briefcase full of money and a pistol in his boot
The cards were on the table when the law came bustin'
in
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The Cubans grabbed the goodies and Sonny grabbed
the Jack
He broke a bathroom window and climbed on out the
back
Sherry drove the pickup through the alley on the side
Where a lawman tackled Sonny and was reading him
his rights
She stepped into the alley with a single shot 410
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They left the lawman lyin' and they made their getaway
They got back to the motel just before the break of day
Sonny gave her all the money and he blew her a little
kiss
If they ask you how this happened say I forced you into
this
She watched him as his taillights disappeared around
the bend
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It's Main Street after midnight like it was before
21 months later at the local grocery store
Sherry buys a paper and a cold 6-pack of beer
The headlines read that Sonny is goin' to the chair
She pulls back onto Main Street in her new Mercedes
Benz
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