

## Eagles, The

# "The long road out of Eden"

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Moon shining down through the palms  
Shadows moving on the sand  
Somebody whispering the 23rd Psalm  
Dusty rifle in his trembling hands  
Somebody trying just to stay alive  
He got promises to keep  
Over the ocean in America  
Far away, the master sleeps

Silent stars blinking in the blackness of an endless sky  
Gold, silver satellites, ghostly caravans passing by  
Galaxies unfolding and new worlds being born  
Pilgrims and prodigals creeping toward the dawn  
And it's a long road out of Eden

Music blasting from an SUV  
On a bright and sunny day  
Rolling down the interstate  
In the good old USA  
Having lunch at the petroleum club  
Smoking fine cigars and swapping lies  
They say, "Give me 'nother slice of that barbecued  
brisket  
Give me 'nother piece of that pecan pie"

Freeways flickering; cell phones chiming a tune  
We're riding to Utopia; road map says we'll be arriving  
soon  
Captains of the old order clinging to the reins  
Assuring us these aches inside are only growing pains  
But it's a long road out of Eden

Back home, I was so certain; the path was very clear  
But now I have to wonder - what are we doing here?  
And I'm not counting on tomorrow and I can't tell wrong  
from right  
But I'd give anything to be there in your arms tonight

Weaving down the American highway  
Through the litter and the wreckage, and the cultural  
junk  
Bloated with entitlement, bloated on propaganda  
Now we're driving dazed and drunk

Went down the road to Damascus, the road to  
Mandalay  
Met the ghost of Caesar on the Appian Way  
He said, "It's hard to stop this binging once you get a  
taste  
But the road to empire is a bloody, stupid waste"

Behold the bitten apple, the power of the tools  
But all the knowledge in the world is of no use to fools  
And it's a long road out of Eden

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