

## **Elms, The**

### **"The Towers And The Trains"**

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When it rains  
There are years  
That wash off towers and the trains

And the splashin'  
Sounds like laughin'  
As it rolls and it slides  
Off the ceiling's and the sides  
Of the towers and the trains

There's a black list  
A deep black -----(?)  
Scars so deep  
They talk to children  
They live with people till the grave

And folks get shaken  
Twist or brake 'em  
They find themselves  
Condemned to burnout  
They rust in crack  
And then they turn out  
Like the towers and the trains

Nothin' beats them downtown streets  
They can't keep a dream alive  
Women talkin'  
Their heart rockin'  
How will I survive?

We got issues  
From all them -----(?)  
We got wasted youth  
And missing persons  
Who got nothin' left to do but age

They sit on their porches  
Lit by torches  
And if you'll listen in the stillness  
You'll hear them singin'

About their illness  
The towers and the trains

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