

Tom Waits

"How's It Gonna End"

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He had three whole dollars,
A worn out car,
And a wife who was leaving for good

Life's made of trouble,
Worry, pain, and struggle
She wrote 'Good bye!' in the dust on the hood

They found a map of Missouri,
Lipstick on the glass
They must've left in the middle of the night

And I want to know the same thing
Everyone wants to know
How's it goin' to end?

Behind a smoke-coloured curtain,
The girl disappeared
They found out that the ring was a fake

A tree born crooked
Will never grow straight
She sunk like a hammer into the lake

A long lost letter and
An old leaky boat
Promises are never meant to keep

And I want to know the same thing
I wanna know
How's it goin' to end?

The barn leaned over
The vultures dried their wings
The moon climbed up an empty sky

The sun sank down

Behind the tree on the hill
There's a killer and he's coming through the rye

But maybe he's the father
Of that lost lil' girl
It's hard to tell in this light

And I want to know the same thing
Everyone wants to know
How's it goin' to end?

Drag your wagon and your plough
Over the bones of the dead,
Out among the roses and the weeds

You can never go back,
And the answer is 'no',
And wishing for it only makes it bleed

Joel Tornabene,
Was broken on the wheel
Shane and Bum Mahoney on the lamb

The grain was as gold
As Sheila's hair
All the way from Liverpool with all we could steal

He was robbed of twenty dollars
His body found stripped
Cast into the harbour there and drowned

And I want to know the same thing
We all wanna know
How's it goin' to end?

The sirens are snaking
Their way up the hill
It's last call somewhere in the world

Reptiles blend in
With the colour of the street
Life is sweet at the edge of a razor

And down in the first row
Of an old picture show,
An old man is asleep as the credit starts to roll

And I want to know the same thing
We all wanna know
How's it goin' to end?

I want to know the same thing
We all wanna know
How's it goin' to end?

And I just want to know the same thing
I wanna know
How's it goin' to end?

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