

## **Townes Van Zandt**

### **"You are not needed now"**

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Well, the birds were talking all at once  
And the old man moving down his lawn  
He didn't look like much too bad a guy  
And I was thinkin' hang on, man, something's wrong  
Your blues they do seems to be gone  
Heaven ain't bad but you don't get nothing done

Lay down your head a while  
You are not needed now, you are not needed now

Well, Allison laid a hex on me  
And every time I turn around  
It's swimming through the air above my bed  
I told Miss Higgs and she said fine  
As long as you're back in your room on time  
I keep you clean and the girls will keep you fed

Lay down your head with mine  
You are not needed now and we got things to do

Well between the blankets made of wool  
The trains go by every half an hour  
And the body can get no restin' done, that's true  
So I spend my time as best I can  
Thinkin' big and making plans  
And wondering where them trains are rolling to

Lay down your head poor boy  
Feel how the ground does move and hear how them  
drivers sing

Well, goodbye friends, it's time to close  
Everybody knows that's the way it goes  
And where was it you lived in case I'm ever there  
Well, three doors down and two behind  
And it gets a little bit out of hand sometimes  
Don't let it fool you into thinkin' you down care

Lay down your head and fly  
And I'll quietly pass you by you won't even see me go

Well if I thought about it long enough

I just might make some kind of move  
Watchful lies are too hard on the soul  
With the smoke house just across the way  
And it's fog upon the light of day  
That would be hard but comin' up with where to go

Lay down your head poor boy  
And feel how the ground does move, hear how them  
drivers sing  
And what now, my darling one, go find a little fun  
You are not needed now

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