

off the rez

southeast of the nation

red rocks pierce the sky

that slow river of trucks on I-40

different centuries rolling by

something like halfway from tucumcari to tehachapi

something like halfway through this mortal coil

something like a highway slow roll toward destiny

waiting for the blood to boil

pedra blanca way up by the jemez

pedra blanca up chaco way

drove down last evening, one to the other

as the sun set in the west on another day

something like halfway from tucumcari to tehachapi

something like halfway through this allotted time

something like a highway full of cheap motels

fast-food songs, nickels and dimes

just south of the rez

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indian woman behind the counter in a cheap hotel

i almost recognize the accent

i almost recognize the smell

i booked the cheapest room i could find online

i believe it'll serve me well

there are four other cars in the parking lot

she doesn't give me a card, she gives me a key

she asks, what are you gonna do in gallup for two days??!?!?

i say there's some things i gotta see

there's the NM welcome center not too far west

enough mexican food to get my fix

plenty of closed down shops and restaurants

on historic route 66

there's busy train tracks and an interstate just a stone's throw from my door

think I'll sit down and muse a spell.

i booked the cheapest room in gallup that i could find online

i believe it'll serve me well.

road love

truck stop

after midnight

another night

still to go

yesterday's coffee

crumbs on the table

darkness and headlights

out through a dirty window

white lines

road signs

carrying this heavy load

tired eyes

theorize

what lies at the end of this road

the road is long

love is longer

the road is long

love is longer

i can still hear the freight trains

**the freight trains
still run right through this town
just like i remember
this all night party going down**

**we broke down here
four decades ago
on the way to grandmas house
through the christmas snow**

**and then that fawm dream
halfway between now and then
crows in my cobwebs
made me hear the gallup trains again**

**some trains are metaphors
some trains are real
when i get near the tracks
remember things i used to feel**

guns on parade

**holed up in the hotel
up at the crack of dawn
not planning to leave this room
but i left the tv on**

**and there's guns on the tv
and there's guns in the sky
and i miss michael hutchence
and my innocence gone by**

**i was there once
on the river that splits the town
and i was happy
for the parade that was going down**

**now there's guns on the tv
and there's guns on the street
and there's gunshots likely
after every mean tweet**

**i lived a decade
outside of this free land
where this almost never happens
and the people just don't understand**

**now there's guns on the tv
and there's guns in my head
and there's endless discussion
and there's more people dead**

**now there's guns on the tv
now there's guns everywhere
and there's no right to safety
with all our rights to bear**

fireball's lonely hearts club band (hearts and minds and bodies)

**fireball's lonely hearts club
population one
healthy young body and big ol'heart
slowly coming undone**

**fireball's lonely hearts club
room 216
thirty bucks a night off the interstate
the sheets are mostly clean**

**fireball's lonely hearts club
reading the online news
bubonic plague and alaskapox
which one would i choose**

**fireball's lonely hearts club
tryin not to complain
CO₂ in the atmosphere
amyloids in my brain**

**fireball's lonely hearts club
sometimes best not to understand
the laws of thermodynamics
and fireball's lonely hearts club band**

she lives in the love suite

she lives in the love suite
penthouse up above
people on the pavement look up at her
wishing for that love

sometimes from her balcony
she looks down below
what is going through her mind?
we will never know

she lives in the love suite
breathes in the rarefied air
special private elevator
to the fairytale up there

how did she find her way there?
nothing on the wikipedia
all my sad homies just sit and stare
sick with philophilia

we live on lonely street
days drag on the same
shuffling along with our heavy feet
losing in the romance game

she lives in the love suite
with the best man she could get
he's a lucky love suite lover
but i haven't caught a glimpse of him yet...

westend donut and deli

**when you find yourself in western new mexico
and hunger comes around
in gallup, where the 40 meets the 602
in the west end of town**

**go to westend donut and deli
makes those hungry highway blues go away
go to westend donut and deli
twenty-four hours a day**

**if you're in from the navajo nation
or the zuni pueblo down south
come on in off route sixty-six
put a donut and a sandwich in your mouth**

**at westend donut and deli
southwestern US of A
westend donut and deli
twenty-four hours a day**

feast of love

look out

it's a feast of love

look out

ya think ya can't get enough

ya been cryin all your life

sayin it just ain't fair, but

too much of a good thing gets rough

look out

it's a feast of love

look out

when that ship comes in

look out

it's about to begin

ya been countin all your losses

cursing all your fates

and you never prepared for the big win

so look out

when that ship comes in

look out

when she says i do

look out

when she says i do

it's a feast of love

alive she cried

waiting for me outside

look out

it's too good to be true

look out

it's too good to be true

sunset song

**the sun just set in the west
the sun just set in the west
some guy told me it wouldn't
and i thought that might be for the best
the sun just set in the west**

**the sun is a friend of mine
the sun is a friend of mine
the one friend i can count on
for a warm fuzzy valentine
the sun is a friend of mine**

**the sun's gonna shine on my bare ass someday
the sun's gonna shine on my bare ass someday
the darkness has been kicking my ass
gonna tan those blues away
the sun's gonna shine on my bare ass someday**

**the sun just keeps setting in the west
the sun just keeps setting in the west
it's the same thing every day
but my memories get repressed
the sun just keeps setting in the west

the sun just keeps setting in the west**

you got the love

i was feeling

so bad

i googled “feeling stupid”

to see what i had

now i got the prescription

the doctors all concur

you got the love

i got the cure

love

[sic]

you got the love

love

i got the cure

[sic]

love

fuzzy-headed

[sic]

apathy

love

my emotional

[sic]

catastrophe

traced it on back

now i know it’s true

patient zero

it was you

on the mend

after many weeks

feeling in my toes

color in my cheeks

now I’m back in rehab

so I’m pretty sure

you got the love

i got the cure

motherfucker

it was you

you got the love

i got the cure

you got the love

i got the cure

navajo roads

standing rock

on navajo route 9

from crownpoint to tohatchi

takes a little more time

back up through seven lakes

pueblo pintado

home of the hornets

where the navajo kids go

and there's three languages on the radio

english, spanish, and navajo

and all the people in new mexico

and all the people everywhere

larger than the state of west virginia

almost heaven,

take me home,

navajo roads

in this day and age

**in this day and age,
when people run, you run**

you run

**in this day and age,
when people talk, you run**

you run

**in this day and age,
when people smile, you run**

you run

**in this day and age,
when people fall, you run**

you run

valentine lullaby

this mid-february night is falling
and i can see the weariness in your eye
all that you want is to sleep... perchance to dream
you're too tired to say goodbye

this mid-february night is chilly
it's been a long dark winter, and it ain't done
all you want is to sleep... perchance to dream
knowing you gotta wake before the sun

those mid-february dreams are saviours
tropical dreams in your head
we know this winter can't go on forever
there'll be sunny warm days instead

so forget all about february
lay you down and close your eyes
all i want is for you to sleep... perchance to dream
so i sing you this valentine lullaby

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