

Black Throated Wind
Grateful Dead

[Verse]

E **F#m**
Bringing me down, I m running aground,
D **A** **E**
Blind in the light of the interstate cars
E **F#m**
Passing me by, the busses and semi s,
D **A** **E**
Plunging like stones from a slingshot on mars
A **D** **C#m** **Bm** **A**
But I m here by the road, bound to the load
Bm **E**
That I picked up in ten thousand cafes and bars
A **D** **C#m** **Bm** **A**
Alone with the rush of the drivers who won t pick me up
Bm **E**
The highway, the moon, the clouds, and the stars

[Chorus]

D **C#m** **A**
Black throated wind, keeps on pouring in
E **C** **A**
With its words of a life where nothing is new
D **C#m** **E** **A**
Ah, mother american night, I m lost from the light
G **D** **A**
Oh, I m drowning in you

[Verse]

E **F#m** **D** **A** **E**
I left St. Louis, city of blues, in the midst of a storm I d rather forget
E **F#m**
I tried to pretend it came to an end
D **A** **E**
Cause you weren t the woman I once thought I d met
A **D** **C#m** **Bm** **A** **Bm**
But I can t deny, that times have gone by Bm
Bm **E**
Where I never had doubts or thoughts of regret
A **D** **C#m** **Bm** **A**
And I was a man when all this began
Bm **E**
Who wouldn t think twice about being there yet

[Chorus]

D **C#m** **A**
Black throated wind, keeps on pouring in

E C A
 And it speaks of a life that passes like dew
D C#m E A
 It s forced me to see that you ve done better by me
G D A
 Better by me than I ve done by you

[Verse]

E F#m
 Now what s to be found racing around.
D A E
 You carry your pain wherever you go
E F#m
 All full of the blues and trying to lose
D A E
 You ain t gonna learn what you don t wanna know
A D C#m Bm A
 So I give you my eyes, and all of their lies
Bm E
 Please help them to learn as well as to see
A D C#m Bm A
 Capture a glance, and make it dance
Bm E
 Of looking at you, looking at me

[Chorus]

D C#m A
 Black throated wind, keeps on pouring in
E C A
 With its words of a lie that could almost be true
D C#m E A
 Ah, mother american night, here comes the light
G D A
 I m turning around, that s what I m gonna do
G D A
 Going back home that s what I m gonna do

(2 version of this song)

[Intro]

E Esus4 E

[Verse]

E F#m
 You re bringing me down, I m running around,
D A E Esus4
 Blind in the lights of the interstate cars,
E F#m
 Passing me by, the buses and semis,
D A E
 Plunging like stones from a slingshot on Mars.
A A7 D DaddC#

But I m here by the road, bound to the load,

Bm **E**
I picked up in ten thousand cafes and bars.
A **A7** **D** **DaddC#**
Alone with the rush of the drivers that won t pick me up,
Bm **E**
The highway, the moon and the clouds and the stars.
D **F#m** **A**
Black throated wind, keeps on pourin in,
E **C** **A**
With its words of a life where nothing is new,
D **F#m** **E** **A** **G**
Ah, mother American night, I pass from the light,
D **A** **Asus4** **A** **E**
Ah, I m drowning in you.

I left St. Louie, city of blues,
In the midst of a storm I d rather forget.
I tried to pretend it came to an end,
Cause you weren t the woman I once thought I d met.
But I can t deny, times have gone by,
I never had doubts or thoughts of regret.
I was a man when all this began,
Who wouldn t think twice about being that yet.
Black throated wind, whisper in sin,
And speaking on life that passes like dew.
It s forced me to see, you ve done better by me,
Better by me than I ve done by you.
Now what s to be found by racing around,
You carry your pain wherever you go,
Full of the blues and tryin to lose,
You ain t gonna learn what you don t wanna know.
So I give you my eyes and all of their lies,
Please help them to learn as well as to see.
Capture a glance, and make it a dance,
But looking at you is looking at me.
Black throated wind, keeps pourin in,
With its words of a life that could almost be true.
Ah, mother American night, here comes a light,
I m turning around, that s what I m gonna do.
Going back home, that s what I m gonna do.
I m turning around, that s what I m gonna do.
Goin back home, that s what I m gonna do.
You ve done better by me than I ve done by you,
Oh, I m drowning in you.