

Wharf Rat

Grateful Dead

Asus2

Old man down,

Em

Asus2

Way down down, down by the docks of the city.

Asus2

Blind and dirty,

Em

Asus2

Asked me for a dime, a dime for a cup of coffee.

Em

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Asus2

I got no dime but I got some time to hear his story.

My name is August West,

And I love my Pearly Baker best more than my wine.

More than my wine -

More than my maker, though he s no friend of mine.

Everyone said,

I d come to no good, I knew I would Pearly, believe them.

Half of my life,

I spent doin time for some other fucker s crime,

A D A

The other half found me stumbling round drunk on Burgundy wine

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But I ll get back on my feet again someday,

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C

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D

The good Lord willin , if He says I may.

Asus4

A

Em

I know that the life I m livin s no good,

Asus4

A

Asus2

A

A7

Em

I ll get a new start, live the life I should.

Break

Em

I ll get up and fly away,

Asus2

I ll get up and fly away, fly away.

Pearly s been true,

True to me, true to my dyin day he said,

I said to him,

I said to him, I m sure she s been.

I said to him, I m sure she s been true to you.

Got up and wandered,

Wandered downtown, nowhere to go but just hang around.

I ve got a girl,
Named Bonnie Lee, I know that girl s been true to me.
I know she s been, I m sure she s been true to me.