

**Too Long In The Wasteland**

**James McMurtry**

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Subject: CRDPRO: Too Long In The Wastland - James McMurtry

Someone was looking for some James McMurtry songs.  
I transcribed this some time ago. Corrections welcome.

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{t:Too Long In The Wasteland}  
{st:James McMurtry}

[D]Hear the trucks on the highway, And the tickin of the clocks  
There s a ghost of a moon in the afternoon, Bullet holes in the mailbox [G]  
Bullet holes in the mailbox, Keyholes in my mind [D]  
[Bb] Too long in the wasteland, [A] Too long in the wasteland  
I ve [D]fallin behind

[D]She said won t you come see me, When the sun goes down  
It ll be just like the old days, When I used to let you hang around [G]  
Well I don t know, I might not speak the language any more [D]  
[Bb] Too long in the wasteland, [A] Too long in the wasteland  
I ve [D]closed some doors

[D]People in the village, Watch the children play  
At the sight of a stranger, They call the kids away [G]  
Just leave that man alone, I hear the mothers say [D]  
[Bb] Too long in the wasteland, [A] Too long in the wasteland  
What s [D]made him that way

[D]I hadn t intended, To bend the rules  
Wiskey dont make liers, It just makes fools [G]  
So I didn t mean to say it, But I meant what I said [D]  
[Bb] Too long in the wasteland, [A] Too long in the wasteland  
Must have [D]gone to my head

{comment: Instrumental with some vocal sounds }

[D]Jet trails in the sunset, a long way away  
cuttin cross the horizon, At the edge of the day [G]  
And it calls out to me, Come fly away, I ve been [D]  
[Bb] Too long in the wasteland, [A] Too long in the wasteland

I believe I ll [D]have to stay

[Bb] Too long in the wasteland, [A] Too long in the wasteland  
I ll [D]have to stay

{comment: Final instrumental }

[D] There s a ghost of a moon in the afternoon

Bullet holes in the mailbox [G]

Bullet holes in the mailbox [D]