

**Ambulance Blues**  
**Neil Young**

**D** **G**  
Back in the old folky days  
**Bm** **F#m** **E**  
The air was magic when we played.  
**D** **G**  
The riverboat was rockin in the rain  
**Bm** **F#m** **E**  
Midnight was the time for the raid.  
**A**  
Oh, Isabela, proud Isabela,  
**Bm**  
They tore you down and plowed you under.  
**C#m** **D**  
You re only real with your make-up on  
**A** **E**  
How could I see you and stay too long?

All along the Navajo Trail,  
Burn-outs stub their toes on garbage pails.  
Waitresses are cryin in the rain  
Will their boyfriends pass this way again?

Oh, Mother Goose, she s on the skids  
Shoe ain t happy, neither are the kids.  
She needs someone that she can scream at  
And I m such a heel for makin her feel so bad.

I guess I ll call it sickness gone  
It s hard to say the meaning of this song.  
An ambulance can only go so fast  
It s easy to get buried in the past  
When you try to make a good thing last.

I saw today in the entertainment section  
There s room at the top for private detection.  
To Mom and Dad this just doesn t matter,  
But it s either that or pay off the kidnapper.

So all you critics sit alone  
You re no better than me for what you ve shown.  
With your stomach pump and your hook and ladder dreams  
We could get together for some scenes.

I never knew a man could tell so many lies  
He had a different story for every set of eyes.  
How can he remember who he s talkin to?  
Cause I know it ain t me, and I hope it isn t you.

Well, I m up in T.O. keepin jive alive,  
And out on the corner it s half past five.  
But the subways are empty  
And so are the cafes.

Except for the Farmer s Market  
And I still can hear him say:  
You re all just pissin in the wind  
You don t know it but you are.

And there ain t nothin like a friend  
Who can tell you you re just pissin in the wind.

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