

Cowboy Junkies Lament
Townes Van Zandt

Intro: E F#m A B E F#m B A E

E F#m
Baby hit the back door breathing real heavy
A B E
Said the boys in the alley wouldn't leave her alone
E F#m
Mama did her make-up in a terrible hurry
B A E
She finally got ready but the boys were gone
F#m G#m
Mama don't you worry night's approaching
A B E
There's a hole in Heaven where some sin slips through
E F#m
Close your eyes and dream real steady
B A E
Maybe just a little will spill on you
E F#m G#m E
The dark don't lie and dreams come true
A F#m E
Could be a few will see you through

E F#m
Old lady Rose looking down her nose
A B E
At lonely miss Lily hiding in the hall
E F#m
Lily's just praying for the trial to be over
B A E
Rosy's just waiting for the axe to fall
F#m G#m
Show me off on the way to town
A B E
The sky's still shiny and the earth's still brown
E F#m
Tell the judge I'm ready for the vases
B A E
Gonna dance in their faces when the guitar sounds
E F#m G#m E
It won't be long I'll be long gone
A F#m E
I been leaning toward the shadows all along

E F#m

Those in the know say how it goes

A **B** **E**

You plan on reaping you better sow

E **F#m**

You plan on sleeping you better keep moving

B **A** **E**

Sleeping ain't allowed around here you know

F#m **G#m**

Tell me please when the rolling s over

A **B** **E**

Me and my baby gonna have some fun

E **F#m**

Bury our backs in a bed of clover

B **A** **E**

Smile in style while the sun goes down

E **F#m** **G#m** **E**

Snake eyes cry, boxcar sigh

A **F#m** **E**

Oh, seven s in the middle just wondering why

E **F#m** **G#m** **E**

The dark don't lie and dreams come true

A **B** **E**

All it takes is one or two

A **F#m** **E**

Maybe just a few will see you through

A **B** **E**

Maybe just a few will see you through