

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