

# Knuckle Down

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That's just my cowgirl alter-ego  
Riding on her bar room bull  
Dripping with the sweat of irony  
As the cowboys whoop and drool  
Shooting glances at the mirror  
To see if her scar is showing  
She is truly going nowhere tonight

Lecherous old lady wanna-be  
Much too young and shy  
Flailing her whole life  
Just thinking she can teach herself to fly  
Vehement romantic  
Frantic for forever right now  
But forever's going nowhere tonight

Sick of goading her self-loathing  
She thinks, I think I'd better leave  
'Course whiskey makes me smarter  
And I'm happy as can be  
But please excuse me darlin  
It's not you  
It's me

And there's a dusty old dust storm on mars, they say  
So tonight you can't see it too clear  
Still I stood in line to look through their telescope  
Looked like a distant ship light  
As seen from a foggy pier  
And I know that I was warned  
Still it was not what I hoped  
Yes I know that I was warned  
Still it was not what I hoped

I think I'm done gunnin to get closer  
To some imagined bliss  
I gotta knuckle down  
And just be ok with this  
I'm gonna knuckle down  
Just be ok with this  
'Course that star struck girl is already someone I miss

I swear some stuff you just see better from further away  
And I think I communicate best now, the less I say  
And I can't dance if the band can't play  
And the vibe is going nowhere tonight

'Cuz somewhere between Hollywood and its pretty happiness  
And an anguish so infinite it's anybody's guess  
Is a place where people are all teachers  
And this just one long class  
And that ass will get you nowhere tonight

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