

# Black River Killer

Blitzen Trapper

It was just a little while past the sunset strip  
They found the girl's body in an open pit  
Her mouth was sewn shut, but her eyes were still wide  
Gazing through the fog to the other side

They booked me on a whim and threw me deep in jail  
With no bail, sitting silent on a rusty pail  
Just gazing at the marks on the opposite wall  
Remembering the music of my lover's call

So you make no mistake  
I know just what it takes  
To pull a man's soul back from heaven's gates  
I've been wandering in the dark about as long as sin  
But they say it's never too late to start again

Oh when, oh when  
Will the spirit come a calling for my soul to sin  
Oh when, oh when  
Will the keys to the kingdom be mine again?

It was dark as the grave, it was just about three  
When the warden with his key came to set me free  
They gave me five dollars and a secondhand suit  
A pistol and a hat and a worn out flute

So I took a bus down to the Rio Grande  
And I shot a man down on the edge of town  
Then I stole me a horse and I rode it around  
Til the sheriff pulled me in and sat me down

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Well the sheriff let me go with a knife and a song  
So I took the first train up to Oregon  
And I killed the first man that I came upon  
Because the devil works quick, you know it don't take long

Then I went to the river ford to take a swim  
You know that black river water is as black as sin  
And I washed myself clean as a newborn babe  
And then I picked up a rock for to sharpen my blade

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Oh when, oh when

Will that black river water wash me clean again  
Oh when, oh when  
Will thee keys to the kingdom be mine again