

# My Hometown

Bruce Springsteen

I was eight years old and running with a dime in my hand  
Into the bus stop to pick up a paper for my old man  
I'd sit on his lap in that big old Buick  
and steer as we drove through town  
He'd tousle my hair  
and say son take a good look around this is your hometown  
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In '65 tension was running high at my high school  
There was a lot of fights between the black and white  
There was nothing you could do  
Two cars at a light on a Saturday night  
in the back seat there was a gun  
Words were passed in a shotgun blast  
Troubled times had come to my hometown  
My hometown  
My hometown  
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Now Main Street's whitewashed windows and vacant stores  
Seems like there ain't nobody wants to come down here no more  
They're closing down the textile  
mill across the railroad tracks  
Foreman says these jobs are going boys  
and they ain't coming back to your hometown  
Your hometown  
Your hometown  
Your hometown

Last night me and Kate we laid in bed  
Talking about getting out  
Packing up our bags maybe heading south  
I'm thirty-five we got a boy of our own now  
Last night I sat him up behind the wheel  
and said son take a good look around  
This is your hometown