

## Allende

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The nighthawk flies and the owl cries as we're driving down the road.

Listening to the music on the all night radio show,  
The announcer comes on says if you've got ideas I'll file the patent for you,

What's an idea if it's not in the store makin' a buck or two.

We drive to the town but the shutters are down and the all-night restaurant's closed

It's the land of the freedom, we've got booze and T.V. and there's tramps in the telephone booths.

The stars and the trees and the early Spring breeze say forget what assassins have done,

Take our good soil in the palm of your hands and wait for tomorrow's sun.

CHORUS.

It's a long way from the heartlands  
to Santiago bay

Where the good doctor lies with blood in his eyes  
and the bullets read U.S. of A.

A truck driver's wife she has a rough life he spends his life on the road.

Carrying the goods all the copper and wood that's what makes America great,

But the dollars like swallows they fly to the South where they know they've got something to gain,

Allende is killed, and the trucks are soon rolling again.

The nighthawk flies and the owl it cries as we're driving down the road,

The full moon reveals all the houses and fields where good people do what they're told,

Victor Jara he lies with coins in his eyes there's no one around him to mourn,

Who needs a poet who won't take commands who'd rather make love than war.