

## One Of These Days

### Drive-By Truckers

If I had a dime for every time I heard my old man say  
one of these days  
I wouldn't be like my old man today  
talking bout places that he'd been  
back in his younger days that he was gonna go back to again  
one of these days

Dropped out of school when he was just sixteen  
fell right in to a tire plant  
building the very things that make the asphalt sing  
and put Alabama far behind you

I remember him saying that Chicago was a hell right here on earth  
and twenty five years later I was saying the same thing about Memphis

It's no wonder everybody's scared of downtown Birmingham  
it's just a little too close to home  
But there's more crooks down here and the cops don't care,  
while old white men wearing ties can do anything they want.

Once a country boy's seen the way the steam rises  
off a man's insides on the sidewalk  
Tends to change the way he thinks, the way he sees everything  
and he goes back to where he came from

One of these days when my face looks like a roadmap gonna find  
my way back home.  
And i'll go walking on the west side after dark and leave my gun  
locked in my car.  
One of these days you'll take one look at me and run. One of these  
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