

The Road Goes On Forever

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Sherry was a waitress at the only joint in town.
She had a reputation as a girl who'd been around.
On Main Street after midnight, a brand new pack of cigs,
A fresh one hanging from her lips, a beer between her legs.
She rides down to the river, and meets with all her friends.
The road goes on forever and the party never ends.

Sonny was a loner, older than the rest.
He was goin' in the Navy, but couldn't pass the test.
So he hung around town, he sold a little pot.
The law caught wind of Sonny and one day he got caught.
But he was back in business when they set him free again.
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Sonny's playin' eight-ball in the joint where Sherry works
When some drunken out-of-towner put his hand up Sherry's skirt.
Sonny took his pool cue, laid the drunk out on the floor.
Stuffed a dollar in her tip jar, walked out the door.
She's running right behind him, reaching for his hand.
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They jumped into his pickup, Sonny jammed it down in gear.
Sonny looked at Sherry, said "Let's get on out of here".
The stars were high above them, the moon was in the east.
The sun was setting on them when they reached Miami Beach.
They got a hotel by the water, a quart of Bombay Gin.
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They soon ran out of money, but Sonny knew a man,
Who knew some Cuban refugees, who dealt in contraband.
Sonny met the Cubans in a house just off the route,
With a briefcase full of money and a pistol in his boot.
The card were on the table when the law came bustin' in.
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The Cubans grabbed the goodies, Sonny grabbed the jack,
Broke the bathroom window and climbed on out the back.
Sherry drove the pickup through the alley on the side,
Where a lawman tackled Sonny and was reading him his rights.
She stepped out in the alley with a single shot .410.
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They left the lawman lying, they made their getaway.
Got back to the motel just before the break of day.
Sonny gave her all the money, he blew a little kiss.
If they ask you how this happened say I forced you into this.
She watched him as his taillights disappeared around the bend.
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It's Main Street after midnight, just like it was before,
Twenty-one months later, at the local grocery store.
Sherry buys a paper and a cold six-pack of beer.
The headlines say that Sonny is going to the chair.
She pulls back onto Main Street in her new Mercedes Benz.
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