When I was young and pushed around And beaten up and beaten down Who'd I run to mama tell me who

And as I grew to be a man
And all the world held such ?lan
I did what I thought I just had to do

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It was you I ran away from I was wrong
And if I could I'd change my life
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And laid back Kerouac never had no heart attack
Drinking and thinking about the place that he ran back to
The Moloch is an old man the Moloch is a love-lack
Bending for a quick snack remembering his friend Jack
Mama sometimes and I remember you

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Looking around at all the Mellencamp towns
The excuses and the nooses where the coffee grounds
I found places and traces of a storybook world
And I went out there for a ride
On the misty coast but the holy host
Is under a Mickey D's American flag and it's unfurled

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