The lakes and pines they bleed of beauty and grace And the rivers they run wild like an endless race The forests soar so high then fall to the sea As church bells ring and sing in harmony

I heard them say they're shuttin' Detroit down But I won't leave cuz' this is my hometown

And it's times like these we can't replace

It's times like these we must embrace

And even though it's bittersweet and brings us to our knees

It makes us who we are, in times like these

The concrete and steel stand strong against the wind With the memories of what was and what has been The sounds of sweet soul music and blue-collar blues There were 17 colors for a Chevy all red white and blue

I heard them say that you can't save that town But I won't leave, I will stand my ground

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[Solo]

The ice and snow give way to a new spring bloom

In the wake that hope and faith they will be home soon

A new day dawns as the good Lord shines from above

Cuz in the rubble and rust there remains a whole lotta love

And I was here watchin' it all go down And I'll still be, when it comes back around

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