Chief

Patty Griffin

Chief had been out of the army For 15 years or more He was still marching up and down that street Just like he was a-walking a war They called him the chief because he was Indian It was a name they said behind his back In the summer he'd march without any shoes Until the soles of his feet turned black 'till the soles of his feet turned black

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Honey have a look at the places Like a dog running on a track The wheels keep on going as fast as you get there You don't ever get to go back I don't really know what I'm doing Just watching myself in some play And the actress looks like she wants to go home And lie in bed all day Yeah lie in a big bed all day

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Well I wish that you could see me when I'm flying in my dreams The way I laugh there way up high The way I look when I fly The way I live The way I fly

Chief got out of the army Jesus went to live with the poor I'm still marching up and down that street I don't know what I'm doing that for I don't know what I'm doing that for I don't know what I'm doing that for