

Off You Go

Patty Griffin

Well he broke through the barrier and rode down the hill
A sound like thunder then everything stood still
Back home the widow wondered where he'd gone

In the evening the meadow sings without care
His eyes staring blankly up into the air
The cars far above him kept rolling along

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Off you go to the fall
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Speed and alcohol the papers equated
For the record good judgement was not demonstrated
Rest assured this one was not drug related

Back home the young widow weeps and sighs
Explains to her kids how their daddy died
She closes the door to the room where he used to try

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Well we all have occasion to slip on the path
Some get to pay for the aftermath
Some won't get another chance
To realize life has an ending

Well the widow moves on as the years progress
Starts her life over but never forgets
Down in the meadow there's darkness descending

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