Straylin Street

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When I was younger, I was torn, and frayed, and lonely Knew I had to move; Gotta hit the road Someday I would move and hide out where no one would Ever catch me 'Cause those are bound to move; gotta hit the road Called for the hobo, but he was nowhere to be found He must be lost down on Straylin Street Spent all my time chasing nowhere, getting higher Found out I was nowhere, and it hit me hard Thought I'd jump a train and head out for Pittsburgh Pennsylvania But the brakeman passed me by, 'cause he was blind Called for the brakeman, but he was nowhere to be found He must be lost down on Straylin Street So can't you help, help, help a man like me? I said can't you help, help, help a man like me Or are you lost down on Straylin Street? I hit the road with my bag full of my laundry I carried my book in my right hand Kerouac got his words that reach For the young and the ramble-hearted 'Cause those are bound to move; gotta hit the road Called for the writer, but he was nowhere to be found He must be lost down on Straylin Street