

Once Upon a Time

The Pogues

The hour's late and the lights are low
I'm walkin' home just kicking stones
I waited at the depot, you never showed
You missed the last bus hours ago

I remember the first time I saw you on the street
You looked so pretty, my heart skipped a beat
I can't wait any longer but I still feel the heat
I'm down but I'm still on my feet

I walked on down by the old fairground
Up from the docks, blew a lonely sound
I sat for a while on the cold hard ground
Watched the stars slowly turn as the earth spun around

As the past falls behind, up ahead there's a crack
Of light shinin' bright through the night so black
Like a runaway train rollin' down the track
From here there's no turnin' back

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The time is past for grievin', my tears have all run dry
I'll leave you with my love and now I say goodbye

The bottles broke and the glasses are cracked
The cards are all dealt and the chips have been stacked
The lampshade's busted and the curtains are torn
The door keeps knockin' but there's nobody home

I stood by the road, brushed a tear from my eye
Cursed the cars and the rain and the rollin' skies
I turned around, turned my back on that town
I never looked back again

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