

## Desperation, Part I

### Redemption

Peter and Mary, drive cross-country  
Entering Desperation, Nevada  
Red lights flash and their destinies changed  
As the patrol car pulls behind them

Collie Etrangian, arm of the law  
Stops them and searches the back of their car  
There in the trunk, some drugs in a bag  
And they find themselves arrested

Pulled them over, to the side of the road  
With a body that's bloated and bursting; too old  
"We'll get this sorted out in Desperation

Tak!

Hated is burning, under his skin  
And an evil power that eats from within  
He bleeds from his eyes as he drives them by  
The biggest mine in North America

Technology working anew in the depths  
The soul of the mine now disturbed from its rest  
Answers will be found in Desperation

There's a little dead girl, lying on the steps of the jail  
And Collie guns down Peter as he stares into her eyes  
The Carver family hears the shot from the cell  
And wonders why their daughter had to die

Ralph and Ellie Carter, and their son, David, too  
Staring from within the cell like animals in a zoo  
Something brought them here to Desperation

With them is Tom, the only one from the town  
His alcoholic's spirit is beaten and worn down  
And Mary joins this group in Desperation.