

## 24 Hours A Day

Todd Snider

Skinny young man  
With born again eyes  
And a Jesus tattoo on his arm  
Leans on the wall  
While the traffic goes by  
The gas mart at Fairview and Farm  
A rap song pounds  
From an '83 Caddy  
While he waits on a payphone to ring  
Been standing around since a quarter past nine  
Still hasn't heard a thing

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Backed up on Farm  
Car horns are screaming  
Cause some guy's Suburban is stalled  
He guesses her daddy  
Must be back home  
Otherwise she'd have called  
He thinks to himself  
I guess I can't blame him  
It wasn't so smart what we did  
A uniformed cop gets in line with his coffee  
Some women yells at her kid

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Carload of drunks  
Pulls up in a hurry  
For a six pack before its too late  
He starts to dial  
To leave one more message  
Stops and decides just to wait  
Could have been different  
And maybe it couldn't  
With some things it's too late to learn  
Fumes from the gasoline hang in the air  
World just continues to turn

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