

# How's It Gonna End

Tom Waits

He had 3 whole dollars  
A worn out car  
And a wife who was  
Leaving for good  
Life's made of trouble  
Worry pain and struggle  
She wrote good bye in  
The dust on the hood  
They found a a map of Missouri  
Lipstick on the glass  
They must of left  
In the middle of the nite

And I want to know  
The same thing  
Everyone wants to know  
How it going to end?

Behind a smoke colored  
Curtain, the girl  
Disappeared, the found out  
The ring was a fake  
A tree born crooked  
Will never grow straight  
She sunk like a hammer in to the lake  
A long lost letter and  
And old leaky boat  
Promises are never meant  
To keep

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The barn leaned over  
The vultures dried their wings  
The moon climbed up an empty sky  
The sun sank down behind the tree  
On the hill  
There's a killer and he's coming  
Thru the rye  
But maybe he's the Father  
Of that lost little girl  
It's hard to tell in this light

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Drag your wagon and your plow  
Over the bones of the dead  
Out among the roses and the weeds  
You can never go back  
And the answer is no  
And wishing for it only

Makes it bleed

Joel Tornabene was broken  
On the wheel  
Shane and Bum Mahoney on the lamb  
The grain was as gold  
As Sheila's hair  
All the way from Liverpool  
With all we could steal  
He was robbed of twenty dollars  
His body found stripped  
Cast into the harbour  
There and drowned

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The sirens are snaking their  
Way up the hill  
It's last call somewhere in  
The wordl  
The reptiles blend in with the  
Color of the street  
Life is sweet at the edge  
Of a razor  
And down in the front row of  
An old picture show  
The old man is asleep  
As the credits start to roll

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