## Slate

## **Uncle Tupelo**

A worn out joke to keep the flies away Carried it this far Got the west side winds to keep it steady We bury the hatchets we find

Could carry that heavy load

If I really thought it would matter

Farcical hair appears

As a blind side, clean the slate

Working in the halls of shame Lay it down in full view Lay it down What the hell were we thinking

Before the fire burned out?
I can't find you now
And I didn't know you then
Loneliness drinks the bitters

Till the cold winds warm again
It's a feel for the game
Mouth open wide, screams and hollers
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Lay it down in full view
Lay it down
I gambled once and won, never made a dollar
And beauty fades to grey

And I pray the very best will guard her And provide the way It's a telltale sign When it's chairs up, and time to go

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