Grapes on the Vine

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There are songs that birds don't sing to people There are secrets that keep right through to the end There are heroes who hide until forever And I'm singing this song for one of them

He's the man that you passed on the road there The one with his life on the loose Going either somewhere or nowhere Going without me, without you

For he is this world's constant orphan Traveling out his lone time Living on apples from orchards Dying from grapes on the vine

You can find him in big city winters Down where the mission bell cries And sorrow echoes through summer As he tries to close all his eyes

You can find him in Pittsburgh in Christmas You can find him in Buffalo in June And he knows all the backroads between them Like the gypsy knows the moon

And it's route 22 all over again Stick your thumb out and try to look like somebody's friend Look strong at the man, gentle at the girl And puzzled at the rest of the world

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