

## Doesn't Have To Be That Way

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There's a storm brewing out on the open sea  
Sweeping its way here to you and me  
But all the lights are out and the streets are dark  
And there's a soul without a fire trying to find a spark  
And this heartbreak season, it's leaving its mark on me

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Black night sitting heavy all around  
I got a mind full of heartaches and hand me downs  
I got a freight train screaming inside my head  
That says you can't find love in a stranger's bed  
And my mouth is full of all the words that I wish I had said

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It's so much harder now that the blue skies have gone away  
I wish I had just one more day

Whiskey like water flowing down a drain  
And I'm wasted as a candle in a hurricane  
But you can't stop something that's this far gone  
Goodbyes are easier than I was wrongs  
Suicide ain't a matter of degree

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