Oh, the benches were stained with tears and perspiration,  
The birdies were flying from tree to tree.  
There was little to say, there was no conversation  
As I stepped to the stage to pick up my degree.

A gypsy with a broken flag and a flashing ring  
Said, "Son, this ain't a dream no more, it's the real thing."

What's matter with me  
I don't have much to say  
Sunlight peakin through the window  
And I'm still in this all night café.

Now you must provide some answers  
For what you sell has not been received,  
And the sooner you come up with them,  
The sooner you can leave.

Been shooting in the dark too long  
When somethin's not right it's wrong  
You're gonna make me lonesome when you go.

Now, too much of nothing  
Can make a man feel ill at ease,  
One man's temper might rise  
While another man's temper might freeze.

What was it you wanted  
You can tell me, I'm back,  
We can start it all over  
Get it back on the track,  
You got my attention,  
Go ahead, speak.

Don't ask me nothin' about nothin',  
I just might tell you the truth.

Half of the people can be part right all of the time,  
Some of the people can be all right part of the time.  
But all the people can't be all right all the time  
I think Abraham Lincoln said that.

But you and I have been through that, we know this is  
not our fate  
So let us not speak falsely now the hour is getting late

I just reached a place where the willow don't bend  
There's not much more to be said, it's the top of the end  
I'm going, I'm going, I'm gone

I'm pledging my time to you, hopin you come through too

Now each of us has his own special gift  
And you know this was meant to be true  
If you don't underestimate me  
I won't underestimate you

My ship is in the harbor and the sails are spread...  
Beyond here lies nothing, nothin done and nothing said

I'll know my song well before I start singing

Someday, everything is gonna be smooth like a rhapsody  
When I paint my masterpiece.

Seen a shooting star tonight and I thought of you  
You were trying to break into another world,  
a world I never knew  
Always kinda wondered if you ever made it through  
Seen a shooting star tonight and I thought of you