

Common Knowledge

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He's my friend but he's no friend to me
Ask him why, he'll tell you casually
Washed up, bitter, broke and busted
Backstabbed everyone he trusted
Says he sees what no one else can see

And if I had half his guts I'd want it
To chase that fatalistic comet
And die young in the dark, that's poetry
But it was not to be
No, it was not for me

He's always sad but I've never seen him cry
When he comes to, sure he'll apologize
Find his car, assess the damage
Still drunk but he likes a challenge
Hold on to his mind just like a kite

A good strong win will keep you honest
Fill you with some common knowledge
Things when we were young we never tried
Just figured we had time with such a long life

Money clips, alligator shoes
One more dance, he's in that champagne room
Well, she moves like a chocolate fountain
Pouring, spilling all around him
Makes him wonder what else she can do

How bittersweet is love's illusion
Feelings that cannot be proven
Trust me, you'll see, my aim is true
I've done this all for you
I suffered long for you

So many times, he tried to play it straight
Worked and worked until his body ached
But a brand new life can lose its lustre
Troubles tend to find each other
Call it luck or you can call it fate

But either way it's how it happened
Not the way that you imagined
So just go out with a bang like Hemingway
Some will say you're brave
Some will say you ain't