

Navajo Rider

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25 years since I was born
East of Gallup way
My father worked in a strip mine all his life
Now at rest in a grave he lay

I used to sit down by the railroad tracks
wishing I was free
Like the freight cars rolling far away
From the dust and the poverty

The old ones said "Remember boy"
"Remember yesterday"
Why should I remember
When they've taken it all away

Money's tight
The working's hard
And the liquor's runnin' free
This broken down ol' railroad town
It ain't no place for me

(Chorus)

**As the Sun sets on the Mesa
And on the people passing through (And on my people too)
My friends they are all leavin' for a chance to start anew
They don't know where they are going
But they don't like it where they've been
They don't stop to think about
Just movin' with the wind**

**Navajo rider
Riding towards the Sun
And away from here I run**

My brother died two years ago
In a bar fight down the hill
Forever gone, life goes on
But my mother grievin' still

Lately I've been spendin' time
At the Red Rock rodeo
I'd like to put aside the old ways
And just take my horse and go

(Chorus) As the Sun sets on the Mesa...