

WICHITA

From the album *The Time Has Come*

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Pulled out of Minneapolis at eleven o'clock
One eye on the moon and my money in my sock
It's a midnight marathon to San Antonio
I put the pedal to the metal, hope the motor doesn't blow

Big black storm clouds gather in the south
Suckin' up the stars like a thirsty cottonmouth
13 hours, 13 hundred miles of runnin' in the
RAIN AND WICHITA KEEPS ON COMIN'

There's harvest fuzz on the radio, fuzz on my brain
There's a duster with a fuzz-buster in the next lane
We're racing, we're pacing, we're shaking the law
We'll be half way to TEXAS when we get to Wichita
Windshield wipers cut frantic angel wings
I hope the angel's with us, I can barely see a thing
12 more hours, 12 hundred miles of runnin in the
RAIN AND WICHITA KEEPS ON COMIN'

CHORUS:

WICHITA, WICHITA, whatcha got to say?
Don't know where I'm going but I'm certainly on my way
WICHITA, WICHITA, won't you see me home
I'm half way there but I'm half way gone

Oh God, I'm tired, I wanna go to sleep
I'm trying every trick ever invented just to keep
CONSCIOUS, doing facial calisthenics
If anybody sees they'll think I am an epileptic
"Call a doctor!" "Call a medic!" "Maybe it's an epidemic!"
Hey, how do you stay awake at 4 a.m.?
Try the rhythm method — BAM BAM BAM

ALIVE awake ALERT awake ALIVE awake ALERT
It's good if it's engaging, it's better if it hurts
11 more hours, 11 hundred miles of runnin' in the

RAIN AND WICHITA KEEPS ON COMIN'

Trickle of light oozing from the muddy yellow clouds
The sky cracks open, for crying out loud
We're just drool on the long black asphalt tongue
See the sleepy creepy crawlers come and creep in the dawn
Count 'em: Car; Car; Car; Carcass
Tokens of transition go for broken in the darkness
9 hours, 9 hundred miles of runnin' in the
RAIN AND WICHITA KEEPS ON COMIN'

CHORUS

It's 100 miles to Wichita, I can feel the power
Put the needle at 100; I'll be there in an hour...
6 minutes later it's 90 miles to Wichita
Put the needle at 90; I'll be there in an hour...
7 minutes later it's 80 miles to Wichita
Put the needle at 80; I'll be there in an hour...
8 minutes later it's 70 miles to Wichita
Put the needle at 70, I'll be there in an hour...
9 minutes later it's 60 miles to Wichita
Put the needle at 60, I'll be there in an hour...
10 minutes later it's 50 miles to Wichita
Put the needle at 50, I'll be there in an hour...
12 minutes later it's 40 miles to Wichita
Put the needle at 40, I'll be there in an hour...
15 minutes later it's 30 miles to Wichita
Put the needle at 30, I'll be there in an hour...
I'LL BE THERE IN AN HOUR!

CHORUS