Musician Steve Earle, who met him in 1978 and considered Van Zandt a mentor, once called Van Zandt "the best songwriter in the whole world and I'll stand on Bob Dylan's coffee table in my cowboy boots and say that." IV I'm goin out on the highway Ah, Lord, I'm gonna ramble listen to them big trucks whine till I get back to where I came IV I'm goin out on the highway Ah, Lord, I'm gonna ramble listen to them big trucks whine till I get back to where I came White freight liner White freight liner IV Ι IV won't you steal away my mind won't you steal away my mind IV Ah, New Mexico ain't bad, Lord IV I'm goin out on the highway The people there they treat you kind listen to them big trucks whine IV Well, New Mexico ain't bad, Lord I'm goin out on the highway The people there they treat you listen to them big trucks whine kind White freight liner White freight liner IV won't you steal away my mind won't you steal away my mind TV Well, it's bad news from Houston half my friends are dying IV Well, it's bad news from Houston

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