Cowboy Junkies, Hunted

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Emma's in a part of town
where she doesn't recognize the streets
named for famous native sons
and out of every crevice comes creeping
a threat in her direction
Lucy's outside her home
heading towards her corner store
she stays on well-travelled paths
and is always making sure
that she doesn't develop patterns

There are trap lines running up and down Main Street wire snares thirsting for your neck and feet

Susan doesn't like the way her curtains are blowing in the wind
She swears she locked that window before she went out dancing she stands frozen in her doorway
Judy hears a sound coming from the other room she knows she should be alone 'cause the kids left at noon to go visit their father

Quick to your phone dial 911 invite a strange man into your home who'll be carrying a gun

Leslie's working late she's got a deadline to meet In walks her boss, upon her desk he puts his feet and says alone at last Reanne's got a new boyfriend and they're getting along until he locks the door and says don't struggle, I'm stronger than you are.

Just one question I'm dying to ask, you said, do you know what it's like to be hunted?