

# Michael Penn, Brave New World

Baby's busy hiding in the bassinet  
Wonderin' if the third world war started yet  
I told her I was pulling up and heading west  
She said she would have come but she was overdressed  
So I sent a picture postcard of a midwest bank  
She wrote me that she showed it to her new friend Frank  
Who noticed in a window on the 19th floor  
A guy my age about to prove that man can't soar

He would also like to know  
If I could just check around before I left this town  
For slow-mo footage of the tumble down so  
This may not be my best day  
But this ain't no golden age  
You looked pretty on the freeway  
Let's drive into the brave new world.

A van pulls up and someone offers me a ride  
The driver lost the map and he was terrified  
Everybody whispering to save his pride say  
"Son would you be kind enough to be our guide?"  
The driver yells, "the one in back already tried,  
But his memory is rusty and his vision tied."  
Glasses and a lubricant were by his side but  
The tin man was inanimate, the lion lied

Did not want to see me go  
But I did not want to be another musketeer  
'Cause the gas runs out before the van's in gear  
Please don't hit me if I do say  
But this ain't no golden age  
And you looked so pretty on the freeway  
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Buster and his company look good in black  
They're looking for a way out of the cul-de-sac  
Tearing through the phone book and the almanac  
They all have dusty noses 'cause they sniff shellac  
Finally found the number of a matador  
Who rode up in a Beemer with a pricey whore  
But Buster wasn't quick enough  
He'd lock the door  
And rode off sayin' he'd be back before the war

By then the night was falling slow  
And I did not want to stick around and just look old  
When I saw you pulling onto my soft shoulder  
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