

REO Speedwagon, Rock & Roll Star

I was just a boy when the river ran dry
And I can still remember my mama cry
She said "son leave as fast as you can
But don't waste your life in this rock 'n' roll band";

I saw the light and left as fast as I could
I knew deep down it was gonna do me good
So I threw my fender in an old friend's car
I knew I'd come home a rock n'roll star

So we hit the road but the road hit back
We thought we'd take the world with a hit and run attack
Now I'm center stage but it feels bizarre
Despite new cars and caviar

An overnight success created by the press
But they'll eat you up if you show them any stress
So I lick my wounds and I hide my scars
The whole world thinks I'm a rock n' roll star

Rock 'n' roll star, rock 'n' roll star
That's what they call you
That's not what you are
Rock 'n' roll star, rock 'n' roll star
I still wanna be a rock 'n' roll star

So we got a break in our whirlwind tour
I called home said I'm comin home for sure
I'm tired of hurry up, make the plane, jump in the car
I'm home on loan, I'm a rock 'n' roll star