

# Robert Earl Keen, The Road Goes On Forever

Sherry was a waitress at the only joint in town  
She had a reputation as a girl who'd been around  
Down Main Street after midnight with a brand new pack of cigs  
A fresh one hangin' from her lips and a beer between her legs  
She'd ride down to the river and meet with all her friends  
The road goes on forever and the party never ends

Sonny was a loner he was older than the rest  
He was going into the Navy but he couldn't pass the test  
So he hung around town he sold a little pot  
The law caught wind of Sonny and one day he got caught  
But he was back in business when they set him free again  
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Sonny's playin' 8-ball at the joint where Sherry works  
When some drunken outta townner put his hand up Sherry's skirt  
Sonny took his pool cue laid the drunk out on the floor  
Stuffed a dollar in her tip jar and walked on out the door  
She's runnin' right behind him reachin' for his hand  
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They jumped into his pickup Sonny jammed her down in gear  
Sonny looked at Sherry and said lets get on outta here  
The stars were high above them and the moon was in the east  
The sun was settin' on them when they reached Miami Beach  
They got a hotel by the water and a quart of Bombay gin  
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They soon ran out of money but Sonny knew a man  
Who knew some Cuban refugees that delt in contraband  
Sonny met the Cubans in a house just off the route  
With a briefcase full of money and a pistol in his boot  
The cards were on the table when the law came bustin' in  
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The Cubans grabbed the goodies and Sonny grabbed the Jack  
He broke a bathroom window and climbed on out the back  
Sherry drove the pickup through the alley on the side  
Where a lawman tackled Sonny and was reading him his rights  
She stepped into the alley with a single shot .410  
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They left the lawman lyin' and they made their getaway  
They got back to the motel just before the break of day  
Sonny gave her all the money and he blew her a little kiss  
If they ask you how this happened say I forced you into this  
She watched him as his taillights disappeared around the bend  
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Its Main Street after midnight just like it was before  
21 months later at the local grocery store  
Sherry buys a paper and a cold 6-pack of beer  
The headlines read that Sonny is goin' to the chair  
She pulls back onto Main Street in her new Mercedes Benz  
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