

# The Nightwatchman, California's Dark

It started in basements  
And it started in sheds  
It started in backyards  
And was hidden under beds  
I turned on the TV  
Don't believe a word they say  
We can't stay here  
And we can't get away  
There's a riot on Sunset  
And fires burn in the park  
The sun has set my friend  
And California's dark  
And over the screaming  
I heard a clear voice  
I looked at my choices  
And I made a choice  
Smoke and ashes  
Tonight hide the stars  
The stop lights are red now, love  
We've come for what's ours  
There's a riot on Sunset  
And fires burn in the park  
The sun has set my friend  
And California's dark  
Come stand among the rattlesnakes  
At the side of the desert road  
And close your eyes and listen  
To the music hard and cold  
Tonight the moon is blackened  
Tonight the doors are shut  
Behind the shuttered windows  
We pray the sun will come up  
For something walks across these fields  
For which there is no name  
You might have heard different  
But I was there when it came  
It will start with a spark  
And a great fire will grow  
Don't know how I know it  
But I just know  
There's a riot on Sunset  
And fires burn in the park  
The sun sets everywhere  
And the whole damn country's dark  
There's a riot on Sunset  
And fires burn in the park  
The sun has set my friend  
And California's dark