

Conor Oberst, Eagle On A Pole

Saw an eagle on a pole
I think it was an eagle
Watched its shadow fly across the cement

I woke up in the snow
All the trees were crowds of people
No coat, no shoes, no idea where they went

I followed the fence-line thin
Back where the yard begins
My woman, she stood crying like a man

So, where have you been?
Where have you been?
I thought you said that all of that was done
El cielo es azul, just don't go telling everyone

Thought the kettle was a train
Thought that Monday was a door frame
I tried so hard to finally settle down

Heard the fire pop and snap
Like a tack piano rag
I never could get used to happy sounds

Yeah, I hope the world's exposed
A cruel and elaborate hoax
That convinces me to walk without a cane

But what can you do?
What can you do?
I always heard that what is done is done
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The past don't ever quit
Those boxes in the attic
Baby shoes and taxidermy dreams

While the ashes of the dead
Like a dandelion head
Explode and then are scattered by the breeze

And it's such a long way back
To all the fun I had
When nothing ever seemed to bother me

But what can you do, child?
What can you do?
Sleep 'neath the stars and toil in the sun
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