

# Elvis Costello, Withered & Died

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I've only sad stories to tell to this town  
My dreams have withered and died.  
Once I was bending the tops of the trees,  
Kind thoughts in my head, kind voices to hear.  
Then I took up with a girl from the west.  
They'd run and hide, they'd run and hide.  
Count one to ten and she's gone like the rest.  
My dreams have withered and died.  
If I was a butterfly, lived for a day,  
I could be free just blowing away.

Silver moon sailor and silver moonshine  
On the water so wide, water so wide,  
Slip from the bed of a good friend of mine  
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