Michael Penn, By The Book

Always been horseblinded Could never see Past the two shades on the periphery I ask you for mercy And beg clemency But something I'm thinking is sticking with me

When you're all alone
And I am not around
I know that you think me
As cold as the ground
I don't play accordion, we disagree
But something I'm feeling is sticking with me

If this ain't by the book then the book must be wrong And maybe it is what you hoped all along Now you didn't think I would go quietly When something about you is sticking with me

This person I've been wasn't me I surmise You know me too well You'd see through a disguise Someone must have cloned a facsimile It bears repeating "sticking with me"

They're cutting the bull And they're drinking its blood Show me a patriot Show me a scud And that's about all I can get from TV There's still this feeling sticking with me

If this ain't by the book then the book must be wrong Can't we sleep in You can wake me at dawn We'll start us a regular royal dynasty So long as you are only sticking with me Sticking with me