

# Nick Cave, The Hammer Song

Cave Nick

Miscellaneous

The Hammer Song

I set out on monday

The night was cold and vast

And my brother slept

And though I left quite quietly

My father raged and raged

And my mother wept

Now, my life was like a river

All sucked into the ground

And then the hammer came down

Lord, the hammer came down

Many miles did I roam

Through the ice and through the snow

My horse died on the seventh day

I stumbled into a city

Where the people tried to kill me

And I ran in shame

Then I came upon a river

And I laid my saddle down

And then the hammer came down

Lord, the hammer came down

It knocked me to the ground

And I said, "Please, please

Take me back to my home town"

Lord, the hammer came down

Now I've been made weak by visions

Many visions did I see

All through the night

On the seventh hour an angel came

With many snakes in all his hands

And I fled in fright

I pushed off into the river

And the water came around

And then the hammer came down

Lord, the hammer came down

And it did not make a sound

And I said, "Please, please

Take me back to my home ground"

Lord, the hammer came down