

Sometimes

© John Hertz, 2007

Sometimes I write a song that helps me to remember
Sometimes I write a song that helps me to forget
Sometimes I tell a story just to fan the embers
Sometimes I tell a story that hasn't happened yet

I want to write a song you can't fail to remember
I don't want to write a song about how you went away
I need to tell a story about that night in November
I need to tell the story of how you said you'd stay

And I want it to sound like a song by Buddy Holly
Townes van Zandt or Dylan, Steve Goodman or John Prine
Jackson Browne or Lyle Lovett, Todd Snider or Jim Croce
Kristofferson or Springsteen, or maybe like it's mine

You know you are my Peggy Sue, the girl in nearly every song
And I know you got married to that former football star
But I still can't figure how it all went wrong
So I'll make up a story, and I'll use my guitar

And maybe it could sound like Steve Earle or Gram Parsons
Tom Petty or Tom Paxton, Bob Seger or Neil Young
Johnny Cash, John Mellencamp, John Hiatt or Warren Zevon
Elvis Costello, or someone else whose song I've sung

And maybe Willie Nelson might record a cover
And maybe he would do a duet with Emmylou
And when you heard them you'd remember those days I was your lover
And maybe it would stop my brain obsessing over you

And I want it to sound like a song by Buddy Holly
Townes van Zandt or Dylan, Steve Goodman or John Prine
Jackson Browne or Lyle Lovett, Todd Snider or Jim Croce
Kristofferson or Springsteen, or maybe one of mine

Well I'm telling you this story just to fan the embers
I wish it were a story that hadn't happened yet
But maybe now this song will help you to remember
Or maybe now this song will help me to forget

