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turn listen look around  
catch the flipped sunshine arc  
rubies on the reverb  
country hardass hipster  
transcendental daddy

wind blows from the east  
carries the scent  
of dead bodhisattvas  
inhabiting the old quarter  
on the other side of town

life flies by  
one day looking back  
from a mirror  
alive for no eyes  
but your own  
once again flip  
the sunshine arc  
it still works  
its a miracle of modern science

that is to say  
it saves you  
from a lifetime subscription  
to the middle of the road

remember  
old habits die hard deaths  
behind closed doors  
an old man in dank  
one room living on canned soup  
and state remembrance

flip the sunshine arc  
young man words burned  
and beautiful like dylan on mesc  
let yourself breathe  
before the cold sets in

flip the sunshine arc  
until it don't flip no more  
ride a honky tonk road sometime  
stir the dead bodhisattvas  
see what they got to say

time dies an old man's death  
its all there  
ride down that hillbilly highway.