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MISSOULA IN THE MOONLIGHT

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They played that song
Missoula in the Moonlight

The wise guy plays his cards
under the frozen tracks
and calls for cheap booze
to thaw his fingers

The poor explorer shakes off the ice
from these drastic roads
that stretch and tense muscle
to build strong resistance

The wise guy and the poor explorer
share the bottle and drink to
their spiteful destiny approaching
like the freight leaving Salt Lake

The conductor swings the baton
in rolling arcs of meter
brittle cymbals crash
and the wise guy falls down drunk

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