

# Tumbleweed

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V1

My great grandpa, when he first headed out west  
Coming from missouri from some family unrest  
And he named this old town as he climbed down off his steed  
For the first thing he saw, and it was a fine name indeed  
Yes indeed  
Just a pronghorn chewing on a tumbleweed

E G#min  
A F#min9  
E G#min  
A F#min9  
Gdim Bbdim C#dim B7  
E (with solo melody)

V2

My grandpa, was on the longhorn detail  
He slept by the fire along the Bozeman Trail  
Just to fend off the cold and the wild stampede  
He'd bow his head at night and to his God he would plead  
He would plead  
To deliver him through the tumbleweed

E G#min  
A F#min9  
E G#min  
A F#min9  
Gdim Bbdim C#dim B7  
E (with solo melody)

V3

My father drove the railroad till the North and South shut down  
As it fell apart around him, they made him mayor of this town  
And he swore to himself with every word and deed  
There was only one way he was ever going to succeed  
He'd succeed  
Is to get the hell away from this tumbleweed

E G#min  
A F#min9  
E G#min  
A F#min9  
Gdim Bbdim C#dim B7  
E (with solo melody)

B

The stores all close, and the wells run dry  
And no one is living large  
And they cross their hearts and hope to die  
Even though their man is in charge  
And half their friends have left this town  
And the other half are dyin  
And the fields dry up and the barns fall down  
But you know that I ain't lyin'

B7 C7  
B7 C7  
B7 C7  
B7 C7  
B7 C7  
B7 C7  
B7 C7

V4

When I say that I am happy on December 25th  
You could say I'm a sucker or that I've embraced a myth  
Whether you think this day is about the birth of the Lord  
As you go bouncing across the cactus in a 1950 ford

E G#min  
A F#min9  
E G#min  
A F#min9

V5

Or just a winter solstice, on this most silent of nights  
Or a random act of kindness that makes everything alright  
Or a song from a stranger or a bunch of fucking greed  
Sometimes a string of Christmas Lights is exactly what you need  
What you need  
And hang em up on a tumbleweed

E G#min  
A F#min9  
E G#min  
A F#min9  
Gdim Bbdim C#dim B7  
E (with solo melody)