Paper In Fire

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She had a dream And boy it was a good one So she chased after her dream With much desireBut when she got too close To her expectations Well the dream burned up Like paper in firePaper in fire Stinkin' up the ashtrays Paper in fire Smokin' up the alleyways Who's to say the way A man should spend his days Do you let them smolder Like paper in fire He wanted love With no involvement So he chased the wind That's all his silly life requiredAnd the days of vanity Went on forever And he saw his days burn up Like paper in firePaper in fire Stinkin' up the ashtrays Paper in fire Smokin' up the alleyways Who's to say the way A man should spend his days Do you let them smolder Like paper in fire There's a good life Right across this green field And each generation Stares at it from afarBut we keep no check On our appetites So the green fields turn to brown Like paper in firePaper in fire Stinkin' up the ashtrays Paper in fire Smokin' up the alleyways Who's to say the way A man should spend his days Do you let them smolder

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