**Start a Fire**

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Start a fire and everything’s gonna burn

Find the higher ground and wait your turn

Put my mama on the bus today

Paid her fare and sent her on her way

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President come, he talk, he smile, he turn

Can’t fix the levee, can’t help the poor

The money’s all been spent on your rich man’s war

Poor folks sitting on the roof all day

Want a drink of water and a chance to get away

Thought I heard Buddy Bolden say

Save my town, it's going down today

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Broken gas lines, dirty water’s churn

I waited tables, I showed you a good time

Hard times have come and I’ve been left behind

With rosary beads and baby dolls

Oil rigs and shopping malls

Smoke coming up Louisa Street

Gotta steal myself something to eat

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gonna burn, burn, burn, burn, burn

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