Shadow Man

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Daybreak found the shadow man Standing in the field Waiting for the sun to come And burn away the chill. I grinned and asked, you alright? He turned and said, I'm good. Just taking all God's glory in, But wond'ring why I should.

(Chorus)

When our country deserts those most in need Give us safe shelter and food to eat I've been sleeping in the dugout at this park And bathing in the river after dark.

I used to travel with a brother
Until his demons got too much
He wasn't there to watch my 6
He wasn't someone I could trust
But everyone's a liar
When they're trying to survive
Sometimes you're safer on your own
And if you just stay out of sight.

(Chorus)

How can our country desert those most in need At night I feel like prey in the jungle heat I'm afraid to trust another on the street Keep your distance from me, brother, if you please.

Of all the people on the street No two stories are the same Can't we all just lend a hand Instead of focusing the blame Despite a person's station We deserve some dignity We need a sense of purpose And a place in society.

(Chorus)

But our country deserts those most in need I'm standing at the stoplight, but you don't see me I know I smell of sweat and gasoline If you think I'm here by choice, brother please.

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