I bought the paper yesterday and I saw the obituary

And I read of how you died in pain 
Well I just couldn't understand it

If I could of changed that, then Lord knows I'd do it now

But there is no going back 
And what's done is done forever

But you were always chained and shackled by the dirt - Of every small town institution and every big town flirt

And I think of what you might have been, a man of such great promise

Oh but, you seem to forget the dream 
And the more you saw you hated

But let's not talk of blame, for what is only natural

Like a moth going to a flame 
You had a dangerous passion

But you were always chained and shackled by the dirt - Of every small town institution and every big town flirt

All the things that you might have been - but who am I to say? Still I wonder -If it's in the cold earth you prefer to lay -If it's in the cold earth - you prefer to stay