

# Nick Cave, The Hammer Song

Cave Nick  
Miscellaneous  
The Hammer Song  
I set out on monday  
The night was cold and vast  
And my brother slept

And though I left quite quietly  
My father raged and raged  
And my mother wept

Now, my life was like a river  
All sucked into the ground  
And then the hammer came down  
Lord, the hammer came down

Many miles did I roam  
Through the ice and through the snow  
My horse died on the seventh day

I stumbled into a city  
Where the people tried to kill me  
And I ran in shame

Then I came upon a river  
And I laid my saddle down  
And then the hammer came down  
Lord, the hammer came down  
It knocked me to the ground  
And I said, "Please, please  
Take me back to my home town"  
Lord, the hammer came down

Now I've been made weak by visions  
Many visions did I see  
All through the night

On the seventh hour an angel came  
With many snakes in all his hands  
And I fled in fright

I pushed off into the river  
And the water came around  
And then the hammer came down  
Lord, the hammer came down  
And it did not make a sound  
And I said, "Please, please  
Take me back to my home ground"  
Lord, the hammer came down