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1.

Time drips by like morphine through an I. V.  
it is sweet, ice cold lemonade in August  
but winter is a bully without any lunch money  
so Mr. Mojo Risin' sits in a lonely bar  
and kills himself every day  
a Paris steel sunset can't take him away from his national pastime  
he drinks whiskey with me and Bobby McGee  
and has tequila neat the fourth  
so forth comes his heartaching end  
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2.

All his inspiration watches from stage left  
a shaman dances with him and the night goes away  
the night changes into a Miami day  
the police and the papers do not see an expression of faith  
and this high life begins to descend the final staircase  
to a blues sound so deep  
deep as the city where the Hollywood people sleep