ROLAND THE HEADLESS
Warren Zevon

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Bm           D                                      G
ROLAND WAS A WARRIOR FROM THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN
G                       D                    A*
WITH A THOMPSON GUN FOR HIRE, FIGHTING TO BE DONE
    Bm               D                            G
THE DEAL WAS MADE IN DENMARK ON A DARK AND STORMY DAY
G                 D          A              Bm
SO HE SET OUT FOR BIAFRA TO JOIN THE BLOODY FRAY


Bm                    D                           G
THROUGH SIXTY-SIX AND SEVEN THEY FOUGHT THE CONGO WAR
G                D                       A
FINGERS ON THEIR TRIGGERS, KNEE-DEEP IN GORE
    Bm                   D                          G
FOR DAYS AND NIGHTS THEY BATTLED THE BANTU TO THEIR KNEES
G                         D              A            Bm
THEY KILLED TO EARN THEIR LIVING AND TO HELP OUT THE CONGOLESE

G          D                    A    Bm
ROLAND THE THOMPSON GUNNER...
G          D                    A    Bm
ROLAND THE THOMPSON GUNNER...


    Bm               D                            G
HIS COMRADES FOUGHT BESIDE HIM - VAN OWEN AND THE REST
G                       D                      A
BUT OF ALL THE THOMPSON GUNNERS ROLAND WAS THE BEST
       Bm     D                       G
SO THE CIA DECIDED THEY WANTED ROLAND DEAD
G                       D    A                 Bm
THAT SON-OF-A-BITCH VAN OWEN BLEW OFF ROLAND'S HEAD

Chorus:
D          A                 G        Bm
ROLAND THE HEADLESS THOMPSON GUNNER
D                A
NORWAY'S BRAVEST SON


A        Bm     A      D         A    G                     Bm
THEY CAN STILL SEE HIS HEADLESS BODY STALKING THROUGH THE NIGHT
       D               A                 Bm
IN THE MUZZLE FLASH OF ROLAND'S THOMPSON GUN
       D               A                 G        Bm
IN THE MUZZLE FLASH OF ROLAND'S THOMPSON GUN
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Bm                  D                                       G
ROLAND SEARCHED THE CONTINENT FOR THE MAN WHO'D DONE HIM IN
G               D                             A
HE FOUND HIM IN MOMBASSA IN A BARROOM DRINKING GIN
Bm               D                              G
ROLAND AIMED HIS THOMPSON GUN - HE DIDN'T SAY A WORD
G                      D         A        Bm
BUT HE BLEW VAN OWEN'S BODY FROM THERE TO JOHANNESBURG

G                   D                    A    Bm
ROLAND THE HEADLESS THOMPSON GUNNER...
G                   D                    A    Bm
ROLAND THE HEADLESS THOMPSON GUNNER...
G                   D                    A    Bm
ROLAND THE HEADLESS THOMPSON GUNNER...

Bm                   D                                    G
THE ETERNAL THOMPSON GUNNER, STILL WANDERING THROUGH THE NIGHT
G                  D                              A
NOW IT'S TEN YEARS LATER BUT HE STILL KEEPS UP THE FIGHT
   Bm          D                        G
IN IRELAND, IN LEBANON, IN PALESTINE AND BERKELEY
G            G                  G                  D
PATTY HEARST HEARD THE BURST OF ROLAND'S THOMPSON GUN
A   Bm
AND BOUGHT IT
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