



AGAINST THE WIND

Bob Seger

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1980

Capitol Records #4863

The second single from the album, **AGAINST THE WIND**, going to #5. Time - 3:45 / 5:34. Flip Side: "No Man's Land". Released in U.S.A. April, 1980.

Recorded in 1979. Produced by **Bill Szymczyk**. Engineered by **John Arrias**, **John Arrias** and **Bill Szymczyk**.

Seeger got the idea for this song thinking about his early days as a high-school cross country runner. He is missing his lost youth even tho he is in his mid 30's at this point in his career. Janey Dinsdale, his long time girlfriend at the time is mentioned early in the lyrics. After many years in the wilderness, Seger's star began rising four years before this and this is where it peaked. He would have many hit's after, but could not get over this hump. Seger got the Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group With Vocal Grammy for this song. - Larry -



BOB SEGER - Rolling Stone - 1980

"'Against the Wind' is about trying to move ahead, keeping your sanity and integrity at the same time."

"Jan says to me all the time, 'You allow more people to walk on you than anybody I've ever known.' And I always say it's human nature that people are gonna love you sometimes and they're gonna use you sometimes. Knowing the difference between when people are using you and when people truly care about you, that's what 'Against the Wind' is all about. The people in that song have weathered the storm, and it's made them much better that they've been able to do it and maintain whatever relationship. To get through is a real victory."

BOB SEGER - Later TV show

[I wish I didn't know now what I didn't know then.] "I thought it was bad grammar. My manager, my tour manager, and my band said 'That's a great line.'"

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"My old friend Glenn Frey of the Eagles had an idea that our guitarist Drew Abbott should play along with the piano solo. He and I then went out and did the background vocals together. The line 'Wish I didn't know now what I didn't know then' bothered me for the longest time, but everyone I knew loved it so I left it in. It has since appeared in several hits by other artists, so I guess it's OK."

Personnel

Bob Seger - lead vocals, guitar
Drew Abbott - guitar
Chris Campbell - bass
David Teegarden - drums
Paul Harris - piano, organ
Glenn Frey - harmony vocals

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It seems like yesterday
But it was long ago
Janey was lovely, she was the queen of my nights
There in the darkness with the radio playng low
And the secrets that we shared
The mountains that we moved
Caught like a wildfire out of control
Till there was nothing left to burn and nothing left to prove

And I remember what she said to me
How she swore that it never would end
I remember how she held me oh so tight
Wish I didn't know now what I didn't know then

Against the wind
We were runnin' against the wind
We were young and strong, we were runnin'
Against the wind

And the years rolled slowly past
And I found myself alone
Surrounded by strangers I thought were my friends
I found myself further and further from my home
And I guess I lost my way
There were oh so many roads
I was living to run and running to live
Never worried about paying or even how much I owed
Moving eight miles a minute for months at a time
Breaking all of the rules that would bend
I began to find myself searchin'
Searchin' for shelter again and again
Against the wind
A little something against the wind
I found myself seeking shelter against the wind

Well those drifters days are past me now
I've got so much more to think about
Deadlines and commitments
What to leave in, what to leave out

Against the wind
I'm still runnin' against the wind
I'm older now but still running
Against the wind
Well I'm older now and still running
Against the wind