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I have always been a fan of Van the Man. I mainly listen to "Hymns To The Silence", lately. It is a two record set that has a strong gospel feel but my favorite song is the spoken word poem; "On Hyndford Street", I don't know if you are familiar with it. It has such a melancholy wistfull reminiscence of youth that really resonates with me. He talks about the languid drift of those fuzzy humid summer nights and hearing the distant sounds of jazz wafting out of the clubs as he walked by the river with his family to get ice cream on saturday nights. It is an impression of time passing so strong it puts you in a trance." Why Must I always Explain?" Pretty much the story of our lives." Be Thou My Vision", an ecclesiastical tour de force that stays true to the meaning and purpose of gospel music without sentimentality. Lot of good songs on that album.