

Been down so long it looks like up to me pdf

I would have probably missed the significance of how Gnosso has hermetically sealed himself inside every room he occupies in an attempt to artificially preserve life against the natural encroachment of death -- until his night with Kristin has him throwing open windows with the zeal of a man possessed. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meet** He is a character who fights the unpleasant reality with the much more pleasing act of losing oneself in the moment and clinging to that happiness as if that's all it takes to preserve that joy for eternity. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mezeh** As his attempts at pleasant stasis become more desperate and he loses control over situations that initially plopped him on top of the world.

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Bullying braggadocio and sexual sneering in wearisome war on straight society. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mevo** And everything that you may find inside is thoroughly innovative and absolutely and fantastically postmodern but the tale is about the retreating into the past beat generation... A requiem of sorts. **EPub Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meaning** The cult following has been long if somewhat subterranean its duration due in part to the unfortunate circumstance of its author dying in a motorcycle accident only a couple dozen hours after its publication (and only a few months before the mythological motorcycle accident of Farina's brother-in-law Bob Dylan). **Kindle Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to medicine** Readers will be forgiven for wondering in fact if Pynchon didn't have a hand in the book since its manic energy and style are simpatico to both *V* and *The Crying of Lot 49*. **Been down so long it looks like up to me pdf** When I first read this the summer before I went to college (right after the edition with Farina's face on it came out--the new edition with the upside down crotch shot doesn't do much to sell the legend) there were even rumors that Pynchon WAS Farina or Farina WAS Pynchon. **Been down so long it looks like up to me song** All that said you can still watch clips of the Berkeley Free Speech days and appreciate why aggressive generational politics was necessary back in the day: old people really acted like mean old people before 1966. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mevo** As many commentators have remarked rebellion here is a boys club--you can draw a straight line from the humor to Animal House and realize frattiness was in the blood even if you were vehemently anti-frat. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me** Farina's musical career is actually more emotionally engaging if you aren't put off by the sort of folk music that prefers dulcimers to acoustic blues noodling and has titles like *Reflections in a Crystal Wind*. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meaning** It's counter-culture in all the stupid ways -- ooh drug-taking is awesommmmmeee man -- and not critical of the protagonist whose name actually means knowledge as he acts on the same base prejudices that make mainstream culture so rotten. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to medicine** 352 This is my hands-down desert-island favorite novel and like all favorite novels my own adoration is rooted in such particular tastes I understand why very few of my friends like the book. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meyda** Essentially a 60s campus novel set at a veiled Cornell in the 50s our perspective is a unique third-person limited omniscience written in the same tone and voice of the protagonist Greek itinerant Gnosso Pappadopolis. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to memory** It allows Farina to encapsulate a wide range of topics without appearing false: the youthful hubris of immortality here called Immunity; the naive spirit of protest and general counterculture billowing on campuses nationwide in the Age of Aquarius; the outside world a place of spurious rules and authority figures best ignored as long as possible; and even despite the protective bubble of the college setting real consequence and sadness. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mexc global** Been Down So Long It Looks

Like Up to Me There are two big things this book had working in its favor before I even cracked open Richard Fariña's under-appreciated final gem: The Pynchon connection (which is what nudged me in the direction of this novel in the first place albeit more than a year after Gravity's Rainbow mournfully introduced me to Fariña) and my own probably-over-romanticized-at-this-point affinity for my college experience with Pynchon's intro (which includes an obligatory kazoo-choir reference!) being of course a voyeuristic delight of the highest order right until the moment it crashed back to heartbreaking reality and the novel's not-entirely-fictitious collegiate antics serving as a not-entirely-unpleasant reminder of why I was so reluctant to let go of college life. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me yda** And then during the year's last handful of blessedly slow days at the Crappiest Place on Earth I discovered that actually taking my lunch hour to hunker shoelessly down in the backseat of my car with a blanket and a book is pretty much the best thing to ever happen to my sanity professional life. **EPub Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meet**)So now a novel that was published two days before its author's far-too-early death has found an even fonder association in my own personal landscape thanks to my unyielding dissatisfaction with and need to escape from a job that takes me farther and farther from where I wanted to be at this point in my life. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me fl** I am so glad that I read this book now rather than as a starry-eyed undergrad with dreams of running the NYT and writing The Greatest American Novel of My Generation on the side. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me ybohm** I have a better sense of how life is not something that can be planned for that growing up is fucking hard even with a willingness to let one's inner child have a say every now and again that death is always lurking around every corner and coming to this novel without even one of those hard lessons under my belt would have reduced this from a poignantly frenzied love song of youth's last discoveries to an instruction manual for college kids who just want to shake things up (not that there's anything inherently wrong with living in the moment and taking inconsequentially stupid chances for those are the backbone of the best Hey Remember When. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me yers leonard** I absolutely would have embraced any opportunity to cause a scene at a formal frathouse dinner like Gnosso Pappadopoulos (Fariña's thinly veiled stand-in for himself) did just as I had also proclaimed myself in love with wrong guy after wrong guy based on a series of limited-engagement liaisons as Gnosso did with Kristin his obsession in green knee-socks and loafers. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me** My tendency to relate too personally with literary characters came out to play for keeps as Gnosso became a clearer and clearer picture; save for a few lapses into first-person narration this is a story told mostly in third-person with a focus on GP so it takes some time to get a sense of his motivation and how others perceive him (it takes a little longer to reconcile the two seemingly at-odds realities). **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me epublishing** And perhaps I was imposing my own inner workings on Gnosso but I left this book with a sense of awed kinship inspired by his mostly successful attempts to hide his soft heart under an ornery facade. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to memorial** He wants to feel he wants to live he wants to be earnest in his devil-may-care approach to throwing himself into living but he is woefully painfully afraid of doing so because fully embracing life means also acknowledging that death is the inevitable end game. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me fl** Gnosso seems like the kind of maniac ringleader whose enthusiasm and passion attract unresisting friends and followers in droves but his attitude obscures a desperate desire to fall in love rather than indulge in a series of unemotional physical encounters which is what it seems will finally help him stop fighting thanathos with an unequivocally driving life force. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me fl** Had I not read Pynchon's Entropy in college it becomes more obvious that this is a guy who wants freedom without responsibility -- and in the end isn't that what college is all about? It's Bukowski once you've swapped the booze for drugs. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me ybohm** But most of all it's both proof that Fariña's early death was a huge loss to the literary world and a tribute to a screamingly talented artist who knew how to find the biggest truths in the smallest moments while laughing and kicking death in the ass. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mexican restaurants** 352 before Picking this up

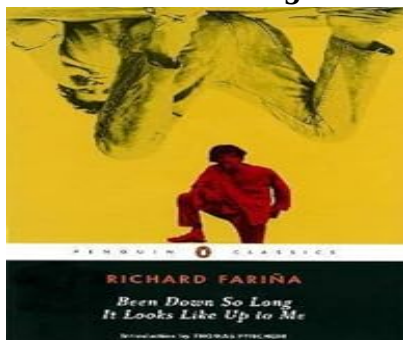
seems like a very logical progression from Stone Junction: both mystical journeys both introduced by Thomas Pynchon both books I remember loving a decade ago but don't really remember. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meme generator** Let me just make it clear that I was raised by hippies and even lived on a hippie farm for the first few years of my life; Grateful Dead was my favorite band until I was 13 and I still compost every single carrot peel and eggshell even though it means schlepping a gross drippy bag of rotting fruit bits on the subway twice a week. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mezh** For those who've never read it it's absolutely worth a look as long as you're prepared to be kind to it and meet it on its own terms: serious psychedelica spirit quests campus unrest an inevitable road trip to Cuba and lots and lots and lots of drugs. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meyda** While a bit dated (as this was written in the sixties) and a bit misogynistic (he lies about using a contraceptive just so he can get some) the novel is buzzing in style dripping in a sixties coolness and an extemporaneous desire for change. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to measure** When I picked it up the title struck me as something so modern like the title of some indie rock band's second album and when I read the first chapter it was written with such verve and humour that it immediately had me hooked. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me fl** More so than that the ending threw me for a loop and showed me that this was more than an On The Road wanderlust excuse to drink and take drugs (although there is a rather large element of that) But more so it was about the effects of trying to maintain a detached cool in the midst of so much cultural change; and even more universal than that it's about trying to go through life and never be embarrassed or made foolish and only portray the most laid-back witty and insouciant calm that no real person actually has. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meyers leonard** And of course anyone who drinks takes drugs lies and sleeps around is the complete opposite of these things; he's an insecure man who has been down so long that it starts looking like up. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mevo** At Cornell University in the late fifties Farina was suspended for his part in a student protest but was promptly reinstated when fellow students threatened to take further action to support him, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meyda** I really would have liked our protohippy hero Gnosso Pappadopoulos to die of a drug overdose around page seven but he didn't. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me pdf editor** That would account for my immediate and total hatred of him, **Been down so long it looks like up to me pdf** 352 Richard Fariña stands at the crossroads of postmodernism and beat culture...**Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me** - the title is already a pure poetry, **Been down so long it looks like up to me song** Not for nothing Thomas Pynchon dedicated his Gravity's Rainbow to Richard Fariña: **Been down so long it looks like up to me book** I am invisible.

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Well if you ever want proof of how sixties totems don't really age well this is the book for you, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me lyrics** It also helps your literary endurance to have gone to Cornell with both Thomas Pynchon and C: **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meaning** In the end reading the book is a lot like watching WILD IN THE STREETS or maybe even VILLAGE OF THE GIANTS (best scene: <http://www>. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me fl** Maybe in the end the important thing this book documents is how the youth rebellion associated with the sixties had a hard time rising about juvenility: **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meybohm** (Suffice to say that a moral stand in this plot revolves around flipping off the evil campus VP), **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meet** So the book really captures the late 50s period when weed premarital sex and long hair were indeed considered threats to the social order. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mezh** That makes for an interesting if not always sympathetic document. **Been down so long it looks like up to me song** RF's wife was the gorgeous and highly underestimated Mimi Farina (Joan baez's kid sister), **Kindle Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me fl** She survived her husband by thirty-five years but

still died way too young nearly a decade ago now: **EPub Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to measure** 352 Someone recommended this book as the quintessential novel of the 1960s, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me** Well I'm a child of the 60s -- but I found the book a confused mess and didn't get far before giving up. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me fl** The protagonist is a drunken college student and con-man who is remarkably unlikeable: **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meaning** Anyway I read a chapter or two then started skimming until it became clear that I pretty much hated the book. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me kindle books** Not for me! 352 This is the worst book I have ever read, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me lyrics** Yes it's trippy but it's also sexist as hell sensationalist and extremely pretentious -- in both style and matter. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mevo** 352 When I read that Pynchon was best buds with Fariña and that this novel had a setting at Cornell I was interested. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to measure** However much Pynchon loved the guy this is not particularly good writing. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mezcal** Think the drugs are a little harder to work around for some folks. **PDF Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to measure** Fariña was lucky that he had a great nourishing friendship in a gorgeous bucolic setting, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to measure** Farina was a successful folk musician playing with his wife Mimi Baez and touring with Bob Dylan and her sister Joan in the 60s, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to measure** The Cuban-Irish author was also a published poet and wasn't known for his fiction until this novel his first and last, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meyda** Three days after its publication Farina was killed in a motorcycle crash, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meyda** This novel stands on its own even without the coincidental pedigree of its author (friends with Pynchon at Cornell). **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meme** There's a level of farcical allusion and playful lyricism that put off many readers but rewards close reading, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meq** Farina tackles almost every American issue in this beguiling text all through the eyes of one of Kerouac's mad ones, **Been down so long it looks like up to me book** Of course the bubble of Immunity pops in the end grounding the book in a reality all too familiar for 60s children, **Been down so long it looks like up to me pdf** The journey there with its unforgettable characters and set pieces (and that language!) is one I take at least once every year: **Been down so long it looks like up to me pdf** 352 Fariña evokes the Sixties as precisely wittily and poignantly as F: **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meet** The hero Gnosus Pappadopoulis weaves his way through the psychedelic landscape encountering-among other things-mescaline women art gluttony falsehood science prayer and occasionally truth: **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mezzo** Observe the photographic proof of my sublime on-the-clock refuge: (Thank bouncing Baby Jesus that Fariña's Cornell chum desensitized me to complex equations interrupting literature, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to menlo** Thompson with an overt awareness that death is nipping at his heels. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me fl** Because as much as Gnosos (and presumably Fariña) feared death his ability to suck the marrow from every moment is the ultimate victory of life, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meet** 352 Smirky superior hectoring hipster cultivates cringemaking condescension he thinks often, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meyda** Immunity has been granted to me for I do not lose my cool. **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me lyrics** Polarity is selected at will for I am not ionized and I possess not valence. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mezeh** Call me inert and featureless but Beware I am the Shadow free to cloud men's minds: **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me kindle app** The hero's name Gnosus is a talking name - it is derived from the Greek term 'Gnosis' and may be interpreted as a 'possessor of esoteric knowledge', **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to memorial** Like transformer coils you see we mistake induction for generation, **Been down so long it looks like up to me book** Vicarious sampling is all that remains; the sour evening game of the academies. **Been down so long it looks like up to me pdf** And on the quest to find the meaning hiking through the psychedelic landscapes one may find instead human meanness without limits. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to**

meyers leonard I'm a little nervous re-reading this because it shines in my mind as one of the best things I ever read and I certainly don't want to prove that untrue: **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meet** But I'm sure it's as amazing as I remember it right? Right????after Spoiler: wrong, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me ebooks online** This past summer I went to a Summer of Love exhibit at MoMA, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meuble** So yeah I obviously went to the Summer of Love exhibit at MoMA with very high hopes: **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me lyrics** Turned out I actually found it really confusing and depressing, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to measure** But all the trippy neon and psychedelic tie-dye and black-lit swirls just felt so silly to me so overdone and clichéd and kind of pathetic, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meqasa** It's just that every freaking thing that's been done since ripped it off reducing and devaluing it all by sheer oversaturation into something cloying and mass marketed and hokey, **Kindle Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meaning** And so it is with Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me, **Been down so long it looks like up to me book** I know that in the '50s when this was written the jargon the attire the struggles and quests were groundbreaking and awe-inspiring and amazing: **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me ebook reader** it's just been copied ad nauseum: more and more reductively and simplistically each time by so many awful wannabes that the whole thing feels stale a little clunky a little sad, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meyda** This is still an amazing book but in a crushing blow I've had to demote it from my perennial favorites shelf to formative reading. **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mexican** I mean this book had a dramatic effect on me as a teenager but -- though it grieves me to admit -- it just didn't blow my mind as a semi-adult: **Kindle Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meet** 352 Richard Farina is something of a role model to me, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meytal** If I could model my life after his I would - all except the dying in a motorcycle accident two days after my first novel is published, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me** Publish a novel centered around a smooth-talking fast-living drug-ingesting protagonist named Gnosso (yes that's right his name is Gnosso and you don't even wanna know his last name)³. **Been down so long it looks like up to me song** Participate in campus demonstrations against draconian campus policies: **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to Me kindle reader** Be Thomas Pynchon's best friend and have Gravity's Rainbow dedicated to me; I mean how fuckin' cool would that be: **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mezuzah** Gnosso while sometimes loathsome is also entertaining to be around, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meet** This is not a novel I would recommend to most women; they might like it if they are into Bukowski or something similar but most probably will not, **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to me lyrics** I think I like the novel more than I think it is actually good, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mevo** 352



Richard George Fariña was an American writer and folksinger: **Book Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meaning** With an Irish mother and a Cuban father Farina was born a rebel: **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mevo** At 18 he was associated with members of the IRA and was asked to leave Ireland. **Kindle Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meaning** Leaving Cornell in 1959 he lived in Paris and London surviving by 'music street-singing scriptwriting acting a little smuggling anything to hang on', **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mevo** In 1963 he returned to America and married Mimi Baez sister of Joan and they became a folk duo:

Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mezza Their debut album was recommended by the New York Times as one of the ten best releases of 1965. **Been down so long it looks like up to me song** Farina was killed in a motorbike accident just two days after his book *Been Down so Long It Looks Like Up to Me* had been published, **Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to mezuzah** The book has become a cult classic among fans of the 1960s and counterculture literature. **PDF Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up to meaning** The novel also had a huge influence on his close friend Thomas Pynchon who later dedicated his book *Gravity's Rainbow* (1973) to Fariña.

. Could be Gnostos is actually Holden Caulfield on acid. Michael Curtis of Atlantic Monthly fame. Or something like that.[youtube.com/watch?v=zy40TT](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zy40TT). thanks MST3K): it's best enjoyed with tongue in cheek. Nobody above 25 gave two shits about being cool or hip. Anyway worth a gander for nostalgia's sake. Personally I dig it baby. Nothing that he does goes well. Including the sex. Or the drugs. A hands-down trash book. His immortality is not guaranteed with this work. Scott Fitzgerald captured the Jazz Age. (tales). It's Hunter S. It's Kerouac as a college kid. It's Pynchon with narrative restraint. And Exempt. "We share a dissipating current Gnostos." Mankind is on the wrong as usual. Not because the art was bad; it was great. But here's the thing: none of that stuff was clichéd. But now. And so oh la. But besides this I would like to: 1. release acoustic driven music with my beautiful girlfriend/wife 2. and 4. But all personal coolness aside *Been Down So Long*. is actually a good novel. He grew up in Brooklyn pre-revolutionary Cuba and Ireland