

Dreams and Dialogues in Dylan's "Time Out of Mind"

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This book studies Bob Dylan's album *Time Out of Mind* as a series of dreams. These dreams work on three distinct levels: as murder ballads about a killer awaiting execution, as religious allegory about a protagonist torn between salvation and damnation, and as meditation on race and music in America.

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