

James McMurtry, You'd A' Thought (Leonard Cohen)

I'm running round in circles and I'm chasing my tail
Carving my initials with a rusty nail
Betraying my intentions man it happens without fail
You'd a' thought that I'd know better by now

It might be some dark secret I keep bottled up inside
Or just some miniscule transgression
I shouldn't have tried to hide
It's not the size that matters, it's deceit she can't abide
You'd a' thought that I'd know better by now

And of course she knows, cause I cant fool her
And I know she knows, cause she dont fool me
And she knows I know she knows and we might discuss it eventually
When the pressure builds til it blows the seals all out from in between
Youd a thought that wed know better by now

(CHORUS)

Youd have thought that wed know better
Youd have thought wed understand
Through all the smoke and mirrors
I guess we do the best we can
Hiding out without a doubt it's getting out of hand
Youd a thought that wed know better by now

And I've seen the phantoms hiding in the shadows in her eyes
It's not that I'm not threatened, it's just that I'm not surprised
"Good for the gander," said the old folks, but they lied
You'd a' thought that we'd know better by now

They circle up the wagons, expressing deep dismay
When we know all the words that they can't bring themselves to say
Theres so much they never tell you, theres so much they hide away
Youd a thought that theyd know better by now

(Chorus x1)