

**Great Compromise**  
**John Prine**

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**D**  
a little girl who was almost a lady  
          **G**                                  **D**  
had a way with all the men in her life  
          **A**  
every inch of her blossoms in beauty  
          **G**                                  **D**  
she was born on the forth of july  
  
and she lived in an aluminum house trailer  
and she worked in a juke-box saloon  
and she spent all the money i d give her  
just to see the ol man in the moon  
  
CHORUS:  
          **D**  
I used to sleep at the foot of old glory  
          **G**                                  **D**  
and awake in the dawns early light  
          **G**                                  **D**  
but much to my surprise when i opened my eyes  
          **A**                                  **D**  
i was a victim of the great compromise

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we used to go out on saturday evening  
to the drive in on route fourty one  
and it was there that I first discovered  
she was doin what she d already done

she said johny would you get me some popcorn  
and she knew i had to walk pretty far  
and as soon as i walked through the moonlight  
she d hopped into a foreign sports car

CHORUS

and you know, i could a beat up that fella  
but it was her that hopped in to his car  
as many times as i d fought to protect her  
well this time she d gone too far

and some folks call me a coward  
cause i left her at the drive in that night  
but i d rather have names thrown at me  
than to fight for a thing that aint right

CHORUS

now she writes all the fellas love letters  
sayin please come and see me real soon  
and there s a growin line up in the bar-room  
to spend a night in that sick womans room

and sometimes i get awful lonesome  
and i wish she were my girl instead  
but she won t let me live with her  
she makes me live in my head

CHORUS

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