

Marie
Townes Van Zandt

[Intro]

Am

[Verse 1]

Am

I stood in line and I left my name

G Am

took about six hours or so

Am

Well, the man just grinned like it was all a game

G Am

said they d let me know

Dm

I put in my time till the Pocono line

Am Dm

shut down two years ago

Am

I was staying at the mission till I met Marie

G Am

now I can t stay there no more

[Verse 2]

Am

Fella cross town said he s lookin for a man

G Am

to move some old cars around

Am

maybe me and Marie could find a burned-out van

G Am

and do a little settlin down

Dm

Aw, but I m just dreamin , I ain t got no ride

Am Dm

and the junkyard s a pretty good ways

Am

that job s about a half week old besides

G Am

it d be gone now anyway

[Verse 3]

Am

Unemployment said I got no more checks

G Am

and they showed me to the hall

Am

my brother died in Georgia some time ago

G Am
I got no one left to call

Dm
Summer wasn't bad below the bridge

Am Dm
a little short on food that's all

Am
Now I gotta get Marie some kind of coat

G Am
we're headed down into fall

[Verse 4]

Am
I used to play the mouth harp pretty good

G Am
hustled up a little dough

Am
but I got drunk and I woke up rolled

G Am
a couple of months ago

Dm
they got my harp and they got my dollar

Am Dm
them low life so and so's

Am
harps cost money and I ain't got it

G Am
it's my own fault I suppose

[Verse 5]

Am
The Pocono's down but the Chesapeake's runnin

G Am
two freights everyday

Am
if it was just me I'd be headed south

G Am
but Marie can't catch no train

Dm
She's got some pain and she thinks it's a baby,

Am Dm
says we gotta wait and see

Am
in my heart I know it's a little boy

G Am
hope he don't end up like me

[Verse 6]

Am
Well, the man's still grinnin' says he lost my file

I gotta stand in line again
I want to kill him but I just say no
I had enough of that line my friend
I head back to the bridge, its getting kinda cold
I m feelin too low down to lie
I guess I ll just tell Marie the truth
hope she don t break down and cry

[Verse 7]

Marie she didn t wake up this morning
she didn t even try
she just rolled over and went to heaven
my little boy safe inside
I laid them in the sun where somebody d find them
caught a Chesapeake on the fly
Marie will know I m headed south
so s to meet me by and by
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so s to meet me by and by