

Marie

Townes Van Zandt

[Intro]

Bbm

[Verse 1]

Bbm

I stood in line and I left my name

G# Bbm

took about six hours or so

Bbm

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

G# Bbm

said they d let me know

Ebm

I put in my time till the Pocono line

Bbm Ebm

shut down two years ago

Bbm

I was staying at the mission till I met Marie

G# Bbm

now I can t stay there no more

[Verse 2]

Bbm

Fella cross town said he s lookin for a man

G# Bbm

to move some old cars around

Bbm

maybe me and Marie could find a burned-out van

G# Bbm

and do a little settlin down

Ebm

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

Bbm Ebm

and the junkyard s a pretty good ways

Bbm

that job s about a half week old besides

G# Bbm

it d be gone now anyway

[Verse 3]

Bbm

Unemployment said I got no more checks

G# Bbm

and they showed me to the hall

Bbm

my brother died in Georgia some time ago

G# Bbm

I got no one left to call

Ebm

Summer wasn't bad below the bridge

Bbm Ebm

a little short on food that's all

Bbm

Now I gotta get Marie some kind of coat

G# Bbm

we're headed down into fall

[Verse 4]

Bbm

I used to play the mouth harp pretty good

G# Bbm

hustled up a little dough

Bbm

but I got drunk and I woke up rolled

G# Bbm

a couple of months ago

Ebm

they got my harp and they got my dollar

Bbm Ebm

them low life so and so's

Bbm

harps cost money and I ain't got it

G# Bbm

it's my own fault I suppose

[Verse 5]

Bbm

The Poconos down but the Chesapeake's runnin

G# Bbm

two freights everyday

Bbm

if it was just me I'd be headed south

G# Bbm

but Marie can't catch no train

Ebm

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

Bbm Ebm

says we gotta wait and see

Bbm

in my heart I know it's a little boy

G# Bbm

hope he don't end up like me

[Verse 6]

Bbm

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

G# Bbm

I gotta stand in line again

Bbm

I want to kill him but I just say no

G# Bbm

I had enough of that line my friend

Ebm

I head back to the bridge, its getting kinda cold

Bbm Ebm

I m feelin too low down to lie

Bbm

I guess I ll just tell Marie the truth

G# Bbm

hope she don t break down and cry

[Verse 7]

Bbm

Marie she didn t wake up this morning

G# Bbm

she didn t even try

Bbm

she just rolled over and went to heaven

G# Bbm

my little boy safe inside

Ebm

I laid them in the sun where somebody d find them

Bbm Ebm

caught a Chesapeake on the fly

Bbm

Marie will know I m headed south

G# Bbm

so s to meet me by and by

Bbm

Marie will know I m headed south

G# Bbm

so s to meet me by and by