

Marie

Townes Van Zandt

[Intro]

Gm

[Verse 1]

Gm

I stood in line and I left my name

F Gm

took about six hours or so

Gm

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

F Gm

said they d let me know

Cm

I put in my time till the Pocono line

Gm Cm

shut down two years ago

Gm

I was staying at the mission till I met Marie

F Gm

now I can t stay there no more

[Verse 2]

Gm

Fella cross town said he s lookin for a man

F Gm

to move some old cars around

Gm

maybe me and Marie could find a burned-out van

F Gm

and do a little settlin down

Cm

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

Gm Cm

and the junkyard s a pretty good ways

Gm

that job s about a half week old besides

F Gm

it d be gone now anyway

[Verse 3]

Gm

Unemployment said I got no more checks

F Gm

and they showed me to the hall

Gm

my brother died in Georgia some time ago

F Gm

I got no one left to call

Cm

Summer wasn't bad below the bridge

Gm Cm

a little short on food that's all

Gm

Now I gotta get Marie some kind of coat

F Gm

we're headed down into fall

[Verse 4]

Gm

I used to play the mouth harp pretty good

F Gm

hustled up a little dough

Gm

but I got drunk and I woke up rolled

F Gm

a couple of months ago

Cm

they got my harp and they got my dollar

Gm Cm

them low life so and so's

Gm

harps cost money and I ain't got it

F Gm

it's my own fault I suppose

[Verse 5]

Gm

The Poconos down but the Chesapeakes runnin

F Gm

two freights everyday

Gm

if it was just me I'd be headed south

F Gm

but Marie can't catch no train

Cm

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

Gm Cm

says we gotta wait and see

Gm

in my heart I know it's a little boy

F Gm

hope he don't end up like me

[Verse 6]

Gm

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

I gotta stand in line again

Gm

I want to kill him but I just say no

F Gm

I had enough of that line my friend

Cm

I head back to the bridge, its getting kinda cold

Gm Cm

I m feelin too low down to lie

Gm

I guess I ll just tell Marie the truth

F Gm

hope she don t break down and cry

[Verse 7]

Gm

Marie she didn t wake up this morning

F Gm

she didn t even try

Gm

she just rolled over and went to heaven

F Gm

my little boy safe inside

Cm

I laid them in the sun where somebody d find them

Gm Cm

caught a Chesapeak on the fly

Gm

Marie will know I m headed south

F Gm

so s to meet me by and by

Gm

Marie will know I m headed south

F Gm

so s to meet me by and by