

Marie

Townes Van Zandt

[Intro]

**G#m**

[Verse 1]

**G#m**

I stood in line and I left my name

**F# G#m**

took about six hours or so

**G#m**

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

**F# G#m**

said they d let me know

**C#m**

I put in my time till the Pocono line

**G#m C#m**

shut down two years ago

**G#m**

I was staying at the mission till I met Marie

**F# G#m**

now I can t stay there no more

[Verse 2]

**G#m**

Fella cross town said he s lookin for a man

**F# G#m**

to move some old cars around

**G#m**

maybe me and Marie could find a burned-out van

**F# G#m**

and do a little settlin down

**C#m**

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

**G#m C#m**

and the junkyard s a pretty good ways

**G#m**

that job s about a half week old besides

**F# G#m**

it d be gone now anyway

[Verse 3]

**G#m**

Unemployment said I got no more checks

**F# G#m**

and they showed me to the hall

**G#m**

my brother died in Georgia some time ago

**F# G#m**

I got no one left to call

**C#m**

Summer wasn't bad below the bridge

**G#m C#m**

a little short on food that's all

**G#m**

Now I gotta get Marie some kind of coat

**F# G#m**

we're headed down into fall

[Verse 4]

**G#m**

I used to play the mouth harp pretty good

**F# G#m**

hustled up a little dough

**G#m**

but I got drunk and I woke up rolled

**F# G#m**

a couple of months ago

**C#m**

they got my harp and they got my dollar

**G#m C#m**

them low life so and so's

**G#m**

harps cost money and I ain't got it

**F# G#m**

it's my own fault I suppose

[Verse 5]

**G#m**

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

**F# G#m**

two freights everyday

**G#m**

if it was just me I'd be headed south

**F# G#m**

but Marie can't catch no train

**C#m**

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

**G#m C#m**

says we gotta wait and see

**G#m**

in my heart I know it's a little boy

**F# G#m**

hope he don't end up like me

[Verse 6]

**G#m**

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

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

[Verse 7]

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