

Marie

Townes Van Zandt

[Intro]

**Bm**

[Verse 1]

**Bm**

I stood in line and I left my name

**A Bm**

took about six hours or so

**Bm**

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

**A Bm**

said they d let me know

**Em**

I put in my time till the Pocono line

**Bm Em**

shut down two years ago

**Bm**

I was staying at the mission till I met Marie

**A Bm**

now I can t stay there no more

[Verse 2]

**Bm**

Fella cross town said he s lookin for a man

**A Bm**

to move some old cars around

**Bm**

maybe me and Marie could find a burned-out van

**A Bm**

and do a little settlin down

**Em**

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

**Bm Em**

and the junkyard s a pretty good ways

**Bm**

that job s about a half week old besides

**A Bm**

it d be gone now anyway

[Verse 3]

**Bm**

Unemployment said I got no more checks

**A Bm**

and they showed me to the hall

**Bm**

my brother died in Georgia some time ago

**A Bm**

I got no one left to call

**Em**

Summer wasn't bad below the bridge

**Bm Em**

a little short on food that's all

**Bm**

Now I gotta get Marie some kind of coat

**A Bm**

we're headed down into fall

[Verse 4]

**Bm**

I used to play the mouth harp pretty good

**A Bm**

hustled up a little dough

**Bm**

but I got drunk and I woke up rolled

**A Bm**

a couple of months ago

**Em**

they got my harp and they got my dollar

**Bm Em**

them low life so and so's

**Bm**

harps cost money and I ain't got it

**A Bm**

it's my own fault I suppose

[Verse 5]

**Bm**

The Poconos down but the Chesapeake's runnin

**A Bm**

two freights everyday

**Bm**

if it was just me I'd be headed south

**A Bm**

but Marie can't catch no train

**Em**

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

**Bm Em**

says we gotta wait and see

**Bm**

in my heart I know it's a little boy

**A Bm**

hope he don't end up like me

[Verse 6]

**Bm**

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 Chesapeak on the fly  
Marie will know I m headed south  
so s to meet me by and by  
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