Tecumseh Valley Townes Van Zandt

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Eb G# Eb

The name she gave was Caroline

G# Eb

The daughter of a miner

G#

And her ways were free

Eb Eb/C# Eb/B

And it seemed to me

Bb G# Eb

That the sunshine walked beside her

She come from Spencer, across the hill She said her pa had sent her Cause the coal was low And soon the snow Would turn the skies to winter.

She said she d come to look for work
She was not seekin favors
For a dime a day
And a place to stay
She turn those hands to labor

Well times were hard and, lord, jobs were few All through Tecumseh Valley But she asked around And a job she found Tending bar at Gypsy Sally s

Well she saved enough to get back home When spring replaced the winter But her dreams were denied Her pa had died The word came down from Spencer.

Well she took to walking out in the streets With all the grief inside her And it was many a man Who returned again To walk that road beside her.

They found her down beneath the stairs That led to Gypsy Sally s And in her hand when she died Was a note that cried Fare-thee-well, Tecumseh Valley

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