

## Woody Guthrie

# "A Picture From Life's Other Side"

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In the world's mighty gallery of pictures  
There're scenes that are painted from life,  
Scenes of youth and of beauty,  
Scenes of hardship and strife,  
Scenes of wealth and of plenty,  
Old age and the blushing young bride,  
Hang on the wall - but the saddest of all  
Is a pictures from life's other side.

Chorus:

A picture from life's other side  
Someone has fell by the way  
And a life has gone out with the tide  
That might have been happy someday  
Some poor mother at home  
Is watching and a-waiting alone  
Longing to hear - from her loved one so dear  
That's a picture from life's other side.

Now the first scene is one of two brothers  
Their paths them both diff'rently led  
One lived in luxury and riches  
And the other one begged for his bread  
One night they met on the highway

"Your money or life, sir", one cried  
And then with his knife - took his own brother's life  
That's a picture from life's other side.

The next scene is that of a gambler  
Who had lost all his money at play  
An' he draws his dead mother's ring from his finger  
That she wore long ago on her wedding day  
It's his last earthly treasure, but he stakes it  
Then he bows his head that his shame he may hide  
But, when they lifted his head - they found he was  
dead  
That's a picture from life's other side.

Chorus

Now the last scene is down by the river

Of a heart-broken mother and babe  
In the harbor light glare see them shiver  
Outcasts that no one will save  
Once she was once a true woman  
Somebody's darlin' and pride  
God help her, she leaps - for there's no one to weep  
That's a picture from life's other side.

Chorus

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