

## **Bruce Springsteen "Cautious Man"**

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Bill Horton was a cautious man of the road  
He walked lookin' over his shoulder and remained  
faithful to its code  
When something caught his eye he'd measure his  
need  
And then very carefully he'd proceed

Billy met a young girl in the early days of May  
It was there in her arms he let his cautiousness slip  
away  
In their lovers twilight as the evening sky grew dim  
He'd lay back in her arms and laugh at what had  
happened to him

On his right hand Billy'd tattooed the word love and on  
his left hand was the word fear  
And in which hand he held his fate was never clear  
Come Indian summer he took his young lover for his  
bride  
And with his own hands built her a great house down by  
the riverside

Now Billy was an honest man he wanted to do what was  
right

He worked hard to fill their lives with happy days and  
loving night  
Alone on his knees in the darkness for steadiness he'd  
pray  
For he knew in a restless heart the seed of betrayal lay

One night Billy awoke from a terrible dream callin' his  
wife's name  
She lay breathing beside him in a peaceful sleep, a  
thousand miles away  
He got dressed in the moonlight and down to the  
highway he strode  
When he got there he didn't find nothing but road

Billy felt a coldness rise up inside him that he couldn't  
name  
Just as the words tattooed 'cross his knuckles he knew

would always remain  
At their bedside he brushed the hair from his wife's  
face as the moon shone on her skin so white  
Filling their room in the beauty of God's fallen light

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