

## **Bruce Springsteen**

# **"Shut Out The Light"**

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The runway rushed up at him as he felt the wheels  
touch down  
He stood out on the blacktop and took a taxi into town  
He got out down on Main Street and went into a local  
bar  
He bought a drink and found a seat in a corner in the  
dark  
Well she called up her mama to make sure the kids  
were out of the house  
She checked herself out in the dining room mirror  
And undid an extra button on her blouse  
He felt her lying next to him, the clock said 4:00 am  
He was staring at the ceiling  
He couldn't move his hands

Oh mama mama mama come quick  
I've got the shakes and I'm gonna be sick  
Throw your arms around me in the cold dark night  
Hey now mama don't shut out the light  
Don't you shut out the light  
Don't you shut out the light  
Don't you shut out the light  
Don't you shut out the light

Well on his porch they stretched a banner that said  
"Johnny Welcome Home"  
Bobby pulled his Ford out of the garage and they  
polished up the chrome  
His mama said "Johnny oh Johnny, I'm so glad to have  
you back with me"  
His pa said he was sure they'd give him his job back  
down at the factory

Well deep in a dark forest, a forest filled with rain  
Beyond a stretch of Maryland pines there's a river  
without a name  
In the cold black water Johnson Lineir stands  
He stares across the lights of the city and dreams of  
where he's been

