

## **Jeannie C. Riley** **"Back Side Of Dallas"**

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On the back side of Dallas, in the dingy bar  
On a wornout stool she sits  
And her trembling hand thumbles for another  
Kingsize filter cigarette

She blows a puff of smoke then settles back  
And look across that light blue haze  
And from the back side of Dallas her mind goes  
Driftin' back to other days

Meet me in Dallas on June, the 23rd, his letter read  
On the greyhound of this big town she  
Came to be with him just like he said  
Then suddenly he left her for reasons  
That she still don't understand

And on the back side of Dallas  
A girl must turn her way as best as she can  
It's a long way to Dallas for a small town girl  
From the middle of Tennessee

A tenth grade education won't get you  
No kinda job here in big D hunger pains  
And prides are things that just don't go hand in hand  
For long

And on the back side of Dallas  
A hungry small town girl can't find a home  
On the back side of Dallas nervously she takes another  
pill  
On the back side of Dallas tonight like other nights  
She drinks her fill

She pays the man behind the bar  
And leave the change for twenty dollar  
Bill If you're ever feelin' lonesome, man  
You want to find someone who feels the same

She's on the back side of Dallas  
Where every taxi driver knows her name  
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Every taxi driver knows her name

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