

## John Denver "Casey's Last Ride"

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This song appears on two albums, and was first released on the Aerie album, and has also been released on the The Country Roads Collection album.

Casey joins the hallow sound of silent people walking  
down  
The stairway to the subway in the shadows down below  
Following their footsteps through the neon darkened  
corridors  
Of silent desperation never speaking to a soul

The poison air he's breathing has a dirty smell of dying  
Cause it's never seen the sunshine and it's never felt  
the rain  
But Casey minds the arrows and ignores the fatal  
echoes  
Of the clicking of the turnstyle and the rattle of his  
chain

Oh she said, Casey it's been so long since I've seen you  
Here she said, just a kiss to make a body smile  
See she said, I put on new stockings just to please you  
Lord she said, Casey can you only stay a while

Casey leaves the underground and stops inside the  
Golden Crown  
For something wet to wipe away the chill that's on his  
bones  
Seeing his reflection in the lives of all the lonely men  
Who reach for anything they can to keep from going  
home

Standing in the corner Casey drinks his pint of bitter  
Never glancing in the mirror at the people passin' by  
And he stumbles as he's leavin' and he wonders if the  
reason  
Is the beer that's in his belly or the tear that's in his eye

Oh she said, I suppose you seldom think about me  
Now she said, now that you've a family of your own  
Still she said, it's so blessed good to feel your body  
Lord she said, Casey it's a shame to be alone

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