

## **Kelly Joe Phelps** **"Waiting For Marty"**

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Bourbon soda over ice in the basement shade  
Got it made, no one here, just the beer man's dog  
Howlin' at the moon heat, gnawin' on a bone  
Waiting for Marty to get home, home, home  
Waiting for Marty to get home

Marty's in the bath house yankin' out the gray  
Gettin' older ain't a party, it's a goddamn play  
No wonder dogs howl, they can see the rider coming  
Waiting for Marty to get home, home, home  
Waiting for Marty to get home

Used to be a girl, then a woman, then nothing  
Quilt is in the corner by the oak console  
The phone rings once a day just like a daughter  
Waiting for Marty  
Waiting for Marty to get home

And blend in with the city and the watering hole  
He doesn't talk, he wants to think now but he can't  
anymore  
Baseball game is over and there's food left in the  
fridge  
Waiting for Marty to get home, home, home  
Waiting for Marty to get home

Milk man doesn't stop here and the bone is chewed to  
bits  
Stack of mail and old newspapers in the overgrown  
yard  
Light bulb on the back porch takes it's last breath  
Waiting for Marty to get home, home  
Waiting for Marty to get home, home, home  
Waiting for Marty to get home

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