

## **Kris Kristofferson**

### **"Casey's Last Ride"**

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Casey joins the hollow 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 speakin' to a soul.  
The poison air he's breathin' has the 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 clickin' of the turnstiles and the rattle of his  
chains.  
"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've put on new stockings just to  
please you!"  
"Lord!" she said, "Casey can you only stay a while?"

Casey leaves the under-ground and stops inside the  
Golden Crown  
For something wet to wipe away the chill that's on his  
bone.  
Seeing his reflection in the lives of all the lonely men  
Who reach for any thing they can to keep from goin'  
home.  
Standin' in the corner Casey drinks his pint of bitter  
Never glancing in the mirror at the people passing by  
Then he stumbles as he's leaving 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 fam'ly 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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