

Levon Helm

"The Weight"

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I pulled into Nazareth, was feelin' about half past dead;
I just need some place where I can lay my head.

"Hey, mister, can you tell me where a man might find a
bed?"

He just grinned and shook my hand, and "No!", was all
he said.

[Chorus:]

Take a load off Fanny, take a load for free;
Take a load off Fanny, And (and) (and) you can put the
load right on me.

I picked up my bag, I went lookin' for a place to hide;
When I saw Carmen and the Devil walkin' side by side.

I said, "Hey, Carmen, come on, let's go downtown."

She said, "I gotta go, but m'friend can stick around."

[Chorus]

Go down, Miss Moses, there's nothin' you can say
It's just ol' Luke, and Luke's waitin' on the Judgement
Day.

"Well, Luke, my friend, what about young Anna Lee?"

He said, "Do me a favor, son, woncha stay an' keep
Anna Lee company?"

[Chorus]

Crazy Chester followed me, and he caught me in the
fog.

He said, "I will fix your rack, if you'll take Jack, my dog."

I said, "Wait a minute, Chester, you know I'm a
peaceful man."

He said, "That's okay, boy, won't you feed him when
you can."

[Chorus]

Catch a cannon ball now, t'take me down the line
My bag is sinkin' low and I do believe it's time.

To get back to Miss Fanny, you know she's the only one.

Who sent me here with her regards for everyone.

[Chorus]

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