

# Neil Young "Carmichael"

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Silk scarf and a napkin  
Hidden in a drawer  
Two hundred bucks in an envelope  
Labeled lenore

"maybe she shouldn't see this  
She should never know,"  
Said the widow's best friend anne,  
"i'll just take it and go

I'll give her the money later  
Say it was in his shoe  
That way she'll never find out...  
That'll do"

"carmichael was a credit to the force  
In everything he did  
It's like we got a big hole in our side  
Where he fit

If any of you officers  
Would like to say a word  
Now would be the time  
To be heard"

"thank you chief, i sure would  
He was a partner of mine  
He was always very careful  
And played it straight down the line"

One by one the officers spoke  
And the service drew to a close  
He had no living relatives  
But his wife who never showed

She just couldn't face the men  
They all understood

They got in their cars and drove home  
As directly as they could

"carmichael you asshole,"

The new widow sobbed beneath her veil,  
"shot down in the line of duty  
Is this how justice never fails?

I wish that things were better  
When we said goodbye today  
But we had our share of good times though  
Along the way

Remember  
'hey mr. las vegas  
You used to be so cool!!'  
We met wayne newton down at pebble beach  
And you acted like a fool

But we both just couldn't stop laughin'  
It seemed so funny to us  
We left our luggage back in the room and almost  
missed the bus

That was a great vacation  
Maybe the best of all  
But goddamnit carmichael you're dead now  
And i'm talkin' to the wall"

The force got back to normal  
Carmichael was replaced  
For one year nobody parked a car  
In carmichael's space

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