

**Willa Ford****"Southend Of A Northbound Train"**

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There's a rise  
Above the river  
Where the hangmans tree  
Hugs the rim  
A brace of crows  
Crowd the bank  
Like mourners  
On their way  
To the Mercy bridge  
A whistle blows  
A freight rolls by  
Pallbearers rest  
Their load  
It all seems clear  
Life's gone from here  
As he is lowered  
In the hole

Chorus

Mary seems uncertain now  
As she follows  
To his rest  
She lost her one true love  
And he lost his  
With a bullet  
To the chest

A life of crime  
Is a long short road  
Every moment filled  
With dread  
And never leaves much room  
For love  
In the shadows  
Of it's dead

Chorus

Mary climbs the Mercy bridge  
Oer the water

Dark and cold  
Shell wash away all her tears  
In the waters healing flow

Chorus x 3

Oh Mary  
Can't you see  
It was not meant to be  
He was born to dangle  
Beneath the hanging tree

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