

## Casiotone for the Painfully Alone

### "Cold White Christmas"

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cap and gown in purple and gold  
you're 22 years old and a woman now you're told  
Aunt Beth and Charlie cut a check for the graduating  
niece  
and you marked your independence with a signature  
on a lease  
but home was a photograph you taped to your wall  
it's gonna be a cold white Christmas in St Paul

beer for breakfast who's gonna scold  
you've got your early hours dulled by the cigarettes  
you rolled  
second shift as a fry cook that's your holiday in grease  
and you trudge to work through the snow in a coat  
down to your knees  
and you linger at the twinkle lights as you pass by the  
mall  
and count the days to a cold white Christmas in St Paul

feather down the nights get so cold  
and you ignore the smell of mold as you smooth out  
the folds  
when you're on your own you've got no one to please  
in a Minnesota city just as bare and as mean as the  
winter trees  
but you'll be damned if you're the one making collect  
calls  
on a cold white Christmas in St Paul  
yeah it's a cold white Christmas in St Paul

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