

Steve Earle "Marie"

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I stood in line and left my name
Took about six hours or so
Well, the man just grinned like it was all a game
Said they'd let me know

I put in my time till the Pocono line
Shut down two years ago
I was staying at the mission till I met Marie
Now I can't stay there no more

Fella 'cross town said he's lookin' for a man
To move some old cars around
Maybe me and Marie could find a burned out van
And do a little settlin' down

But I'm just dreamin', I ain't got no ride
And the junkyard's a pretty good ways
That job's about a half a week old besides
We'd be gone anyway

Unemployment said I got no more checks
They showed me to the hall
My brother died in Georgia some time ago
Got no one left to call

The summer wasn't bad below the bridge
A little short on food that's all
Now I gotta get Marie some kind of coat
We're headed down in the fall

I used to play the mouth harp pretty good
Hustled up a little dough
But I got drunk and I woke up rolled
A couple of months ago

Well, they got my harp, got my dollar
Them low life so and so's
Harps cost money and I ain't got it
It's my own fault I suppose

Well, the Pocono's down but the Chesapeake's runnin'
Two freights everyday

If it was just me I'd be headed south
But Marie can't catch no train

Well, she's got some pain and she thinks it's a baby
Says we gotta wait and see
In my heart I knew it's a little boy
Hope he don't end up like me

Well, the man's still grinnin', says he lost my file
Gotta stand in line again
I wanna to kill him but I just say no
Had enough of that line my friend

Headed back to the bridge, it's getting kinda cold
Feelin' too low down to lie
I guess I have to tell Marie the truth
Hope she don't break down and cry

Well, Marie she didn't wake up this morning
Didn't even try
Just rolled over and went to heaven
My little boy safe inside

Well, I laid them in the sun where somebody'd find
them
Caught a Chesapeake on the fly
Marie will know I'm headed south
So's to meet me by and by
Marie will know I'm headed south
So's to meet me by and by

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