

## Steve Earle

### "N. Y. C."

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He was standing on the highway somewhere way out in  
the sticks

Guitar across his shoulder like a 30 ought six

He was staring in my headlights when I come around  
the bend

Climbed up on my shotgun side told me with a grin

I'm going to New York City, I never really been there

Just like the way it sounds, I heard the girls are pretty

There must be something happening there

It's just too big a town

He was cold and wet and hungry, never did complain

Said he'd come a thousand miles through sleet and  
snow and rain

He had a hundred stories 'bout the places that he'd  
been

He'd hang around a little while and hit the road again

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See I've been to New York City, seems like it was  
yesterday

I was standing like a pilgrim on the great white way

The girls were really pretty but they wouldn't talk to me

I held out about a week went back to Tennessee

So, I thought I'd better warn him and I climbed out of  
my car

Grabbed his battered suitcase, shouldered his guitar

I knew I was just jealous if I didn't wish him well

I slipped the kid a twenty, said "Billy, give 'em hell"

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