

# Standing on the Edge of Town

Tom Paxton

I was born in the middle of this old town  
About thirty-one years ago  
I worked like a dog on the factory line  
It's just about all that I know  
Well, I was doing great, I never showed up late  
I did all a man could do  
Till I found a note in my pay envelope  
Saying that's all she wrote for you  
And I'm standing on the edge of town  
Gonna get chilly when the sun goes down  
Cardboard suitcase full of my clothes  
Where I'm headin' just the good Lord knows  
You know they got a machine where I used to stand  
Just as funny lookin' as can be  
Sayin', "Sorry boys, but you gotta go"  
That meant Jimmy and Billy and me  
Well, I guess I'm lucky cos I got no kids  
And I'm one o' those bachelor men  
But Jimmy's got four and Billy's got two  
And I sure feel bad about them  
And I'm standing on the edge of town  
Gonna get chilly when the sun goes down  
Cardboard suitcase full of my clothes  
Where I'm headin' just the good Lord knows  
Well, that machine is pretty and is fast as a devil  
And it's just one thing that I see  
You can bet the boss he didn't take no loss  
It was Jimmy and Billy and me  
And I'm standing on the edge of town  
Gonna get chilly when the sun goes down  
Cardboard suitcase full of my clothes  
Where I'm headin' just the good Lord know