

Casey's Last Ride

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Casey joins the hollow sound
Of silent people walking down
The stairway to the subway
In the shadows down below

Following the footsteps
Through the neon darkened corridors
Of silent desperation
Never speakin' to a soul

The poisoned air he's breathin'
Has the dirty smell of dyin'
'Cause it's never seen the sunshine
And it's never felt the rain

But Casey minds the arrows
And ignores the fatal echoes
Of the clickin' of the turnstile
And the rattle of his chain

"Oh!" she said
"Casey it's been so long since I've seen you"
"Here" she said
"Just a kiss to make a body smile"

"See" she said
"I've put on new stockings just to please you"
"Lord" she said
"Casey can you only stay a while?"

Casey leaves the underground
And stops inside the Golden Crown
For something wet to wipe away
The chill that's on his bones

Seein' his reflection
In the lives of all the lonely men
Who reach for anything they can
To keep from goin' home

Standing in the corner
Casey drinks his pint of bitter
Never glancin' in the mirror
At the people passin' by

Then he stumbles as he's leavin'
And he wonders if the reason
Is the beer that's in his belly
Or the tear that's in his eye

"Oh!" she said
"I suppose you seldom think about me"
"Now" she said
"Now that you've a family of your own"

"Still" she said
"It's so blessed good to feel your body"

"Lord" she said

"Casey it's a shame to be alone"