I pulled into Nazareth, was feelin' about half past dead I just need some place where I can lay my head. "Hey, mister, can you tell me where a man might find a bed?" He just grinned and shook my hand, "No!", was all he said.

Take a load off Annie, take a load for free; Take a load off Annie, And (and) (and) you can put the load rig ht on me.

I picked up my bag, I went lookin' for a place to hide; When I saw Carmen and the Devil walkin' side by side. I said, "Hey, Carmen, come on, let's go downtown." She said, "I gotta go, but my friends can stick around."

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Go down, Miss Moses, ain't nothin' you can say
It's just ol' Luke, and Luke's waitin' on the Judgement Day.
"Well, Luke, my friend, what about young Anna Lee?"
He said, "Do me a favor, son, woncha stay an' keep Anna Lee com pany?"

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Crazy Chester followed me, and he caught me in the fog. He said, "I will fix your ride, if you'll take Jack, my dog." I said, "Wait a minute, Chester, you know I'm a peaceful man." He said, "That's okay, boy, won't you feed him when you can."

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Catch a cannon ball goin' take me down the line My bag is sinkin' low and I do believe it's time. To get back to Miss Anne, you know she's the only one. Who let me here with her regards for everyone.