

# The Weight

Mavis Staples

I pulled into Nazareth  
I was feeling 'bout half past dead  
Just needed to find a place  
Where I could lay my head  
Mister, can you tell me  
Where a girl might find a bed  
He just grinned, shook my hand  
And "no" was all he said

Take a load off Fanny  
Take a load for free  
Take a load off Fanny  
And (and, and) you put the load right on me

I picked up my bag  
I went looking for a place to hide  
When I saw Carmen and the Devil  
Walking side by side  
I said, "Hey Carmen, come on  
Let's go downtown"  
She said, "I gotta go  
But my friend can stick around"

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Well I go down Moses, ain't nothing you can say  
It's my friend Luke, and Luke's waitin' on the Judgment Day  
Tell me, Luke, my friend, all about young Anna Lee  
I'm gonna do myself a favor, stick around and keep Anna Lee company

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Crazy Chester followed me, he caught me in the fog  
He said, I will fix your rack, if you'll take old Jack, my dog  
Hey wait a minute, Chester, you know I am a peaceful man  
He said, "That's okay, just feed him whenever you can"

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Gonna catch me a cannonball, that'll take me all down the line  
You know, my bag is sinkin' low and I do believe that it's time  
To get back to Miss Fanny, you know that she's the only one  
Fanny sent me down here tonight with her regards for everyone

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