

Chillout Tent

The Hold Steady

There was a stage and a PA up in western Massachusetts
The kids came from miles around to get messed up on the music
She drove down from Bowden with a carload of girlfriends
To meet some boys and maybe eat some mushrooms

And they did and she got sick, now she's pinned and way too shaky
She don't want to tell the doctor everything she's taken
The paramedics hovered over like a somber mourning family
They gave her activated charcoal, they flooded her with saline

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He was rough around the edges, he'd been to school but never finished
He'd been to jail but never prison
And it was his first day off in forever, man, the festival seemed like a pretty good plan
Cruise some chicks and get a suntan

His friend gave him four but he said only take one
But then he got bored and he ended up taking all four
So now my man he ain't that bored, anyways
The paramedics found him, he was shaking on the side of the stage

Everything was spinning and then I came to in the chillout tent
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She looked just like a baby bird
All new and wet and trying to light a Parliament
He quoted her some poetry, he's Tennyson in denim and sheepskin
He looked a lot like Izzy Stradlin

They started kissing when the nurses took off their IVs
It was kind of of sexy but it was kind of creepy
Their mouths were fizzy with the cherry cola
They had the privacy of bedsheets and all the other kids were mostly in comas

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