

# Casey's Last Ride

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

Following their footsteps  
Through the neon darkened corridors  
Of silent desperation  
Never speaking to a soul.

The poison air he's breathing  
Has the dirty smell of dyin'  
'Cause it's never seen the sunshine  
And it's never felt the rain.

Casey minds the arrows  
And ignores the fatal echoes  
Of the clicking of the turn stops  
And the rattle of his chains.

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 stocking 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 in his bones.

Seeing 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 final bitter  
Never glancing in the mirror  
At the people passing 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. hmm...