Reason To Believe

Bruce Springsteen

Seen a man standin' over a dead dog by the highway in a ditch He's lookin' down kinda puzzled pokin' that dog with a stick Got his car door flung open he's standin' out on Highway 31 Like if he stood there long enough that dog'd get up and run Man it struck me kinda funny seem kinda funny sir to me How at the end of every hard earned day people find some reason to be lieve

Now Mary Lou loved Johnny with a love mean and true She said "Baby I'll work for you every day and bring my money home to you" One day he up and left her and ever since of that She waits down at the end of that dirt road for young Johnny to come back Man it struck me kinda funny seemed kind of funny sir to me How at the end of every hard earned day people find some reason to be lieve

Take a baby to the river Kyle William they called him They wash the baby in the water take away little Kyle's sin In a whitewash shotgun shack an old man passes away They take his body to the graveyard and over him they pray Lord now won't you tell us tell us what does it mean Still at the end of every hard earned day people find some reason to believe

Congregation gathers down by the riverside Preacher stands with his Bible groom stands waitin' for his bride Congregation gone and the sun sets behind a weepin' willow tree Groom stands alone and watches the river rush on so effortlessly Lord and he's wonderin' where can his baby be Still at the end of every hard earned day people find some reason to believe