

# The Chain of Love

Charley Pride

He was driving home one evening  
In his beat up Pontiac  
When an old lady flagged him down  
Her Mercedes had a flat  
He could see that she was frightened,  
Standing out there in the snow  
'Til he said I'm here to help you ma'am  
By the way my name is Joe.

She said I'm from St. Louis  
And I'm only passing through  
I must have seen a hundred cars go by  
This is awful nice of you  
When he changed the tire  
And closed her trunk  
And was about to drive away  
She said how much do I owe you  
Here's what he had to say.

You don't owe me a thing, I've been there too  
Someone once helped me out  
Just the way I'm helping you  
If you really want to pay me back  
Here's what you do  
Don't let the chain of love end with you.

Well, a few miles down the road  
The lady saw a small cafe  
She went in to grab a bite to eat  
And then be on her way  
But she couldn't help but notice  
How the waitress smiled so sweet  
And how she must've been eight months along,  
And dead on her feet.

Though she didn't know her story  
And she probably never will  
When the waitress went to get her change  
From a hundred dollar bill  
The lady slipped right out the door  
And on a napkin left a note  
There were tears in the waitress's eyes  
When she read what she wrote.

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This last verse of this song I really like

That night when she got home from work  
The waitress climbed into bed  
She was thinkin' about the money

And what the lady's note had said  
And as her husband lay there sleeping  
She whispered soft and low  
Everything's gonna be alright, I love you, Joe...