

## Paris

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Ezra was an old man  
He lived by the sea.  
Watchin' himself gettin' older,  
With no Family.  
And Cassie was a pretty one,  
A bartender by trade.  
She had a daughter with big green eyes,  
She called her Jade.  
They met each other in the park,  
While Jade was on a swing.  
On a bench underneath a tree,  
They talked about everything.  
And she said, Sometimes I get so scared,  
But I don't know why.  
She reached for the old man's hand,  
And she began to cry.  
And he said,  
It ain't no crime, It ain't no crime...  
Everybody gets a little bit lonely sometimes.  
It ain't no crime, It ain't no crime...  
Everybody gets a little bit lonely sometimes.

Then he said...  
I was gonna be a painter,  
Gonna paint my masterpiece.  
I spent my whole life dreamin',  
Now they're my only memories.  
And I was gonna live in Paris, France  
Now my body's fallin' apart.  
I could be Pablo Picasso if dillusion were an art.  
And she said,  
"That sounds lovely...Paris, France  
Just sayin' those words,  
Kinda makes me wanna dance,  
Do you wanna dance?"

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They'd meet there every Sunday  
In the park at noon.  
Ezra would get there early  
To buy Jade a red balloon.  
And Cassie'd tell him all about  
Her awful luck with men.  
She's say, "Wish I could find a guy like you  
But they'll never make you again."  
And Jade would fall asleep on Ezra's lap  
There in the park.  
While Cassie'd still be talkin' a long time after dark.

Everybody gets a little bit loney sometimes.

One Sunday afternoon,  
No Ezra, No red balloon.

Just a friend of his who said,  
"Ezra Passed Away.  
And he wanted me to bring this letter to you today."  
Well it was 2 tickets to Paris and a note that read,  
'Thank you for the dance...  
My dearest Cassie,  
You were my Paris, France.'

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Everybody gets a little bit loney sometimes.