

## Capman Bootman

Kelly Joe Phelps

baseball cap and flannel arms  
dancing with a voodoo doll  
sweat rolls down the old guitar  
seeing things the way they are  
a crooked look lay on his brow  
beside a wisecrack whiskey mouth  
tip up the bottle and pour him out

here he is again  
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lay it down horizontal lean slip a finger across the bar  
whip the high note frantic  
skip the manic songwriter's pulled-down rhyme  
then leave'em hanging halfway home  
surprise is not the same thing twice  
music is not your boiled rice

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leave the making sense behind  
zen bazooka buddha joe  
cornmeal and guitar strings  
hates to fly to land and lives to sing  
he's got his cap and boots and coat  
he's got his box of songs he wrote  
I wonder if he'll find that note

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