Oscar the Angel

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Oscar was an angel and he used to walk the streets Shoutin' out some prophecy to everyone he'd meet He was a local fixture like a cop out on a beat Folks said he'd been shell-shocked long ago And more than that, no one seemed to know

Oscar was a walker, at least four miles twice a day
The entire length of main street he'd be shoutin' all the way
And I had no idea where he'd heard the things, he'd say
But he was not your normal voice of doom
It was a happy song, sung slightly out of tune

And he'd say, "Everyone will die and go to heaven
And we will all be angels some day
What you are in this world don't count for nothin'
'Cause we are only children, we're just lost along the way
But we will all be angels some day"

Well I worked at the Rial to, I sold tickets at the door And Oscar he'd come by most ev'ryday 'bout half past four And he'd pay to see some movie that he'd seen ten times before But mostly we'd just let him in for free And he'd watch five minutes, then he'd come and talk to me

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Well it's going on ten years now since I left my home town And I went home last summer; for a week I hung around I looked out for Oscar, he was nowhere to be found Someone said they finally had to commit him And he died, before they had time to forget him

Now I'm not about to argue, Oscar's train had jumped the tracks But I'll bet my last dollar on a plain and simple fact Oscar never said a word about me behind my back And the way that I was raised to understand Well, that bone, makes him the better man

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