

Casey's Last Ride

by Kris Kristofferson. (1970)

Dm Casey joins the hollow sound of silent people walking down
Bb The stairway to the subway and the shadows down below
Dm Following the footsteps through the neon darkened corridors
Bb Of silent desperation, never speaking to a soul
Bb The poison air he's breathing has a dirty smell of dying cause its
G7 Never seen the sunshine and it's never felt the rain
Dm Casey minds the arrows and ignores the fatal echoes of the
Bb Clicking of the turnstile and the rattle of his chains
F "Oh",she said "Casey it's been so long since I've seen you"
C7 "Here",she said. "Just a kiss to make a body smile"
F "See",she said "I've put on new stockings just to please you"
C7 "Lord" she said "Casey can you only stay awhile"

Dm Casey leaves the underground and stops inside the golden crown
Bb For something wet to wipe away the chill that's on his bones
Dm Seeing his reflection in the lives of all the lonely men
Bb Who reach for anything they can to keep from going home
Bb Standing in the corner, Casey drinks his pint of bitter
G7 Never glancing in the mirror at the people passing by. Then he
Dm stumbles as he's leaving and he wonders if the reason is the
Bb beer that's in his belly or the tear that's in his eye
F "Oh",she said " I suppose you seldom think about me"
C7 "Now",she said "Now that you've a family of your own"
F "Still",she said "It's so blessed good to feel your body"
C7 "Lord" she said "Casey, it's a shame to be alone"