DOWN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD
John Prine


G                             C
HER FATHER WAS A FAILURE; HER MOTHER WAS A COMFORT
G
TO A DOCTOR AND LAWYER AND INDIAN CHIEF.
G                            C
THE SHIRT RAN OUT OF BUTTONS; HE LOST ALL HIS MARBLES AT A BASEBALL GAME
G
AND THEY WENT ON RELIEF.

C                       G
THE BANK TOOK AWAY THEIR DIPLOMAS
C                        G
THEY LOCKED THEM UP INSIDE OF THE CHEST
C                        G
AND SHE MOVED AWAY TO OKLAHOMA
A                       D
AND GOT A TATTOO ON THE SIDE OF HER BREAST

G
"GOD-DAMN, MY THOUGHTS ARE STILL HARD"
C                                    G
FROM LYING ON THE SOFA ON THE NIGHT SHE WAS OVER IN MY BACK YARD
C
YEAH, WE WAS SHOOTING THE BREEZE OUT AMONGST THE TREES
G
WHEN A SHOT RANG LOW
D                  G
AND LEFT HER STANDING DOWN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD
D                  G
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G                         C
FATHER HAVE MERCY, WHOO WHOO GET HER A NURSE PLEASE
G                         C                        G
SHE'S ALMOST ALONE; I SAW HER HAND REACHING OUT FOR THE TELEPHONE
C                         G
WE RATHER SEE HER LOCKED UP INSIDE A HOME
D              G
THAN SEE HER STANDING DOWN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD
D              G
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C                         G
HEADLIGHTS FLASHING ON HER SKIRT IN THE WIND.
C                         G
YONDER COMES A TRUCK IT DROVE BY TWO MEN.
C                         G                          D                          G
SHOTGUN MAN LEANED OUT AND SAID DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A RIDE?
A                          D
OUT IN THE PALE MOONLIGHT   LIGHT. LIGHT LIGHT LIE LIE LIE LIE LIE
G                         C                         G
TOO LONG IN THE HOT SUN SHE COULD'VE BEEN MISS WISCONSIN A LONG TIME AGO
C                      G
SPENT TO MUCH TIME INSIDE OF THE EARLY SHOW
C                      G
WE'D BOUGHT HER A TICKET BUT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GO
D                      G
SHE WAS STANDING DOWN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD
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