SAFETY JOE
John Prine

G       C
WELL HE NEVER GOT TOO LONELY AND HE NEVER GOT TOO SAD
D       G
BUT HE NEVER GOT TOO HAPPY, AND THAT’S WHAT’S JUST TOO BAD
G       C
HE NEVER REACHED MUCH FURTHER THAN HIS LONELY ARMS WOULD GO
D       C
HE WORE A SEATBELT AROUND HIS HEART AND THEY CALLED HIM SAFETY JOE

Chorus:
G       C
SAFETY JOE (SAFETY JOE); SAFETY JOE (SAFETY JOE)
D7      G
WHAT DO YOU SAY; WHAT DO YOU KNOW
G       G7
IF YOU DON’T LOOSEN UP THE BUCKLE
C
ON YOUR HEART AND START TO CHUCKLE
D7      G
YOU’RE GONNA DIE OF BOREDOM SAFETY JOE

NOW JOE HE LIVED IN BALTIMORE ‘CAUSE NEW YORK WAS TOO DARN FAST
HE SOMETIMES WENT DOWN TO WASHINGTON JUST TO VIEW OUR NATIONS PAST
HE NEVER ATE HIS VEGETABLES CAUSE THEY WERE JUST TOO DARN CHEWY
AND HE NEVER CLIMBED MUCH HIGHER THAN THE ARCH IN OLD ST. LOUIS

Repeat Chorus

JOE GRADUALLY GREW MEANER BY NOT CHANGIN HIS DEEMANOR
BUT HE NEVER DID NOTHIN TOO MUCH FOR TOO LONG
THEREFORE HIS LIFE NEVER GOT MUCH RICHER
THAN THE DAY THEY TOOK THAT PICTURE
IN HIS BIRTHDAY SUIT ON THE DAY THAT HE WAS BORN

Repeat Chorus

WELL YOURE GONNA DIE OF BOREDOM SAFETY JOE

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