

Bill Stakem

~~People Blues~~

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(~~Am~~)

I sat on a bench in a station
Of buses or trains or boats and clearly had
Debating my destination
And hummin' and singin' notes
There's no more low down feeling
When you got nowhere to go
Then passin' the time in a station
~~of buses or trains or boats, pullin' & lead~~

Am

Bummed a smoke from a soldier
Who was sitting to my right
Had a scar on his jawbone
He'd picked up in a fight.
He told me of his service
As he fumbled with a green beret
And in an hour he told me stories
That will follow me to my grave.

Saw a young thing by the pinball machine
Looked as if she wanted a date
I tried my good vibrations
But the real ones couldn't wait.
I felt so raw just standin' there
As she looked into my eyes
Like I was some whore slaver
That decent folk despise.

Walkin' through the mission
Where decaying people lie
I wanted to go to an airport
The upper class to find.

I knew that there they pay you a good price
To do their dirty work.