

The Weight by The Band (Capo 3rd)

[Intro] C C

[Verse 1]

C Em F C~
I pulled into Nazareth, was feeling about half past dead.

C Em F C~
I just need some place... where I can lay my head.

C Em F C~
"Hey, Mister, can you tell me where a man might find a bed?"

C Em F C~
He just grinned, shook my hand, "No" was all he said.

[Chorus]

C G F*
Take a load off, Fanny.

C G F*
Take a load for free.

C G F*
Take a load off, Fanny.

F C—G—Am—G—F*
And... And... And... you put the load right on me.

[Verse 2]

C Em F C~
I picked up my bag. I went looking for a place to hide.

C Em F C~
When I saw Carmen and the devil, walking side by side.

C Em F C~
I said, "Hey, Carmen, come on, let's go downtown."

C Em F C~
She said, "I got to go, but my friend can stick around."

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[Verse 3]

C Em F C~
Go down, Miss Moses, there's nothing you can say.

C Em F C~
It's just old Luke, and Luke's waiting on the judgement day.

C Em F C~
"Well, Luke, my friend, what about young Anna Lee?"

C Em F C~
He said, "Do me a favor, son, won't you stay and keep Anna Lee company."

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[Verse 4]

C Em F C~
Crazy Chester followed me, and he caught me in the fog.

C Em F C~
He said, "I will fix your rack, if you'll take Jack, my dog."

C Em F C~
I said, "Wait a minute, Chester. You know I'm a peaceful man."

C Em F C~
He said, "That's okay, boy. Won't you feed him when you can?"

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[Verse 5]

C Em F C~
Get your Cannonball now, to take me down the line.

C Em F C~
My bag is sinking low, and I do believe it's time.

C Em F C~
To get back to Miss Fanny. You know she's the only one.

C Em F C~
Who sent me here with her regards for everyone.

[← Back to Chorus] {let fade out on C chord}