

The Weight

Recorded by the Canadian-American group The Band, it was released as single in 1968. Written by Band member Robbie Robertson, the song is about a visitor's experiences in a town mentioned in the lyric's first line as Nazareth.

[C] Pulled in to [Em] Nazareth was [F] feeling 'bout half past [C] dead
I just need some [Em] place where [F] I can lay my [C] head
"Hey mister can you [Em] tell me where a [F] man might find a [C] bed?"
He just grinned and [Em] shook my hand [F] "No" was all he [C] said.

Chorus:

☞ Take a [Em] load off [F] Fanny
[C] Take a [Em] load for [F] free
[C] Take a [Em] load off [F] Fanny
And you put the load right on [C] me [Em] [Am] [G] [F]

[C] [Em] [Am] [G] [F///]

[C] I picked up my [Em] bag I went [F] looking for a place to [C] hide
When I saw [Em] Carmen and the Devil [F] walking side by [C] side
I said "Hey [Em] Carmen come [F] on let's go down [C] town."
She said "I [Em] gotta go but my [F] friend can stick a- [C] round."

Go down Miss [Em] Moses there's [F] nothing you can [C] say
It's just old [Em] Luke, and Luke's [F] waiting on the judgement [C] day?"
"Well Luke my [Em] friend what a- [F] bout young Anna- [C] Lee
He said "Do me a [Em] favour son
Won't you [F] stay and keep Anna-Lee [C] company."

Chorus

[C] Crazy Chester [Em] followed me and he [F] caught me in the [C] fog
He said "I will fix your [Em] rack if [F] you'll take Jack my [C] dog."
I said "Wait a minute [Em] Chester you [F] know I'm a peaceful [C] man."
He said "That's o- [Em] kay boy won't you [F] feed him when you [C] can."

Catch a cannonball [Em] now to [F] take me down the [C] line
My bag is [Em] sinking low and I [F] do believe it's [C] time
To get back to Miss [Em] Fanny, you [F] know she's the only [C] one
Who sent me [Em] here with her re- [F] gards for every- [C] one

Chorus

[C] [Em] [Am] [G] [F///]

(Play 3x)

Then end with [C]

