A Letter Home



Words & Music: Pat Drummond
For Phil and Mary Galluata
and David, Jan, Blair and Koby Sinsheimer
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(Introduction - spoken)
God Bless the homeless of the highway
Give them a space to sleep tonight
A place to shower, cook a meal, and build a fire
that's not to much to ask of life.
God grant their hearts some sense of purpose
and their hands some work to do;
and the knowledge that somewhere
there is one heart that truly cares
This, most of all, will see them through.

(Sung)

There was no work for me in Melbourne
but Jan and David took me in
I stayed long enough to finally shake that cold off
I thank my stars for such good friends.
I came out on the Western Freeway
spent three days camping at the dam
I did some washing when the car park here was empty
The tourists out of Melbourne
Come up here on the weekend
I try to look like one of them

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I checked the bank account in Preston and it was nearly empty then It's hard to face that after all these years of battling That we are right back there again. Please tell the children that I love them I'll be in Leeton by the tenth I'll put some money in the bank at Wangaratta A few weeks canning peaches and then we'll feed 'the leeches' You try to hold them off till then

> This road rolls on forever I guess it wasn't clever to give our hearts to such a land But still you take our chances and face the consequences That is the measure of a man

The winds of February They seem to blow right through me until my heart is frozen through I've been on this road so long all these years that I've been gone writing letters home to you It's just a letter home to you

