

Bruce Springsteen, In Freehold

I was born right here on Randolph Street in Freehold
Here, right behind that big red maple in Freehold
Well, I went to school right here, got laid, and had my first beer in Freehold
Well, my folks both lived and worked right here in Freehold
I remember running up the street past the convent and church here in Freehold
Chased my daddy down in these bars, first fell in love with this guitar
Here in Freehold

Well, I had my first kiss at the YMCA canteen on Friday night
Maria Espinosa, tell me, where are you tonight
You were 13 but way ahead of your time, I walked home with a limp but I felt
Fine that night in Freehold
Well, the girls at Freehold Regional they looked pretty fine
Had my heart broke at least a half dozen times
I wonder if they miss me, if they still get the itch
If they'd dump me if they knew I'd strike it rich
Straight out of Freehold

Well, Tex rest in peace, and Marion gave us kids a hand in Freehold
George and I started up a little rock and roll band in Freehold
Well, we learned pretty quick how to rock, I'll never forget the feeling
Of that first 5 bucks in my pocket that I earned in Freehold
I got outta here really hard and fast in Freehold
Everyone wanted to kick my ass back there in Freehold
Well, if you were different, black or brown
It was a bit of a redneck town back then in Freehold

Well, something broke my daddy's back in Freehold
In '69 he left and he never come back to Freehold
Said, once he drove to California, 3000 miles in 3 days
Called my relatives some dirty names and drove straight out of Freehold

My sister had her first little baby at 17 in Freehold
Well, people they can be pretty mean
Honey, you had a rough road to go, but you ain't made of nothin' but soul
I love you more than you'll ever know
We both survived Freehold

Well, my buddy Mike, he's the mayor now in Freehold
I remember when we used to have a lot more hair in Freehold
Well, I left and swore I'd never walk these streets again, Jack
Tonight all I can say is, holy shit I'm back, back in Freehold
Well, this summer everything was green in Freehold
Rode my kids on the fire engine through the streets of Freehold
I showed 'em where Daddy was born and raised, and first felt the sun on his face
There in Freehold
I still got a lot of good friends right here in town
I can usually find me a free beer somewhere, with offers of free meals I am blessed
Should I go crazy, blow all my money and ruin my life
Well at least I'll never go hungry, I guess, here in Freehold

Well, I got a good Catholic education here in Freehold
Led to an awful lot of masturbation here in Freehold
Father, it was just something I did for a smile
Hell, I still get a good one off once in a while
And dedicate it to Freehold
Don't get me wrong, I ain't puttin' nobody down
Hell, in the end it all just goes and comes around
It's one hell of a town
Freehold