

# 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