

# The Hold Steady, Chillout Tent

There was a stage and a PA  
Up in western Massachussetts  
The kids came from miles around  
To get messed up on the music

She drove down from bowdoin  
With a carload of girlfriends  
To meet some boys and  
Maybe eat some mushrooms

And they did and she got sick  
Now she's pinned and way too shaky  
She don't want to tell the doctor  
Everything she's taken

The paramedics hovered over  
Like a somber mourning family  
They gave her activated charcoal  
They flooded her with saline

She got really hot and then she came to in the chillout tent.  
They gave her oranges and cigarettes

He was rough around the edges.  
He'd been to school but never finished  
He'd been to jail but never prison

It was his first day off in forever, man  
The festival seemed like a pretty good plan  
Cruise some chicks and get a suntan

His friend gave him four but he said only take one  
But then he got bored  
He ended up taking all four  
So now my man he ain't that bored anyways  
The paramedics found him  
He was shaking on the side of the stage

Everything was spinning and then he came to in the chillout tent  
They gave him oranges and cigarettes  
She got really hot and then she came to in the chillout tent  
They gave them oranges and cigarettes

She looked just like a baby bird  
All new and wet and trying to light a Parliament  
He quoted her some poetry  
He's Tennyson in denim and sheepskin  
He looked a lot like Izzy Stradlin  
They started kissing when the nurses took off their IVs  
It was kind of of sexy but it was kind of creepy  
Their mouths were fizzy with the cherry cola  
They had the privacy of bedsheets  
All the other kids were mostly in comas

He was kind of cute  
They kind of kicked it in the chillout tent  
She never saw that boy again

She was pretty cool  
They kind of kicked it in the chillout tent  
He never saw that girl again