Daniel Johnston, Casper, The Friendly Ghost

He was smiling through his own personal hell Dropped his last dime down a wishing well But he was hoping too close And then he fell Now he's Casper the friendly ghost

He was always polite to the people who'd tell him That he was nothing but a lazy bum But goodbye to them he had to go Now he's Casper the friendly ghost

No one never treated him nice While he was alive You can't buy no respect Like the librarian said But everybody respects the dead They love the friendly ghost

And now they say we'll never forget What he learned us
We were mean to him
But he never burnt us
And love lives forever thanks to you the friendly ghost

And so the legend grew And all the people that he knew Go and spread the news of Casper the friendly ghost