

# Dr. Hook & The Medicine Show, Cooky And Lila

(D. Hickey)

He was a short order cook, and not too much to look at  
And he traded in his foot, for a medal in the war  
He loved a girl named Lila, in a bar across the highway  
And you ought to see him smilin' at her comin' through the door  
Lila always knew, she wasn't no ravin' beauty  
She traded in her virtue to a trucker at sixteen  
But she forgets to remember how he left her off in Denver  
When she sees her Cooky smilin' as she opens up the screen  
And he says

"Hi Lila, how about a cup of coffee?

Take a load off, take your shoes off, here's the sugar and the cream"

Cooky's been to war and Lila's been to Denver

And both of them are casualties of someone else's dream

Cooky pours the trucker's coffee, Lila serves the rigger's whiskey

And resists their invitations to go ridin' for a while

'Cause at a diner across the highway, on a shelf above the pastry

There's a cup reserved for Lila and the man who makes her smile

When he says

"Hi Lila, how about a cup of coffee?

Take a load off, take your shoes off, here's the sugar and the cream"

'Cause Cooky's been to war and Lila's been to Denver

And both of them are casualties of someone else's dream

Now as the nation rolls along, like a semi down the highway

Casting lonely broken bodies in the grass along the road

I've finally found a reason for believing in the future

Seeing Cooky and his Lila drinking coffee all alone

Oh yes

"Hi Lila, how about a cup of coffee?

Take a load off, take your shoes off, here's the sugar and the cream"

'Cause Cooky's been to war and Lila's been to Denver

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Cooky's been to war, Lord and Lila's been to Denver

And both of them are casualties of someone else's dream

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