

# Neko Case, Thrice All American

I want to tell you about my hometown  
It's a dusty old jewel in the South Puget Sound  
Well the factories churn and the timbers all cut down  
And life goes by slow in Tacoma

People they laugh when they hear you're from my town  
They say it's a sour and used up all place  
I defended its honor, shrugged off the put downs  
You know that you're poor, from Tacoma

Buildings are empty like ghettos or ghost-towns  
It gives me a chill to think what was inside  
I can't seem to fathom the dark of my history  
I invented my own in Tacoma

There was nothing to put me in love with the good life  
I'm in league with the the gangs guns, and the crime  
There was no hollow promise that life would reward you  
There was nowhere to hide in Tacoma

People who built it they loved it like I do  
There was hope in the trainyard of something inspired  
Once was I on it, but it's been painted shut  
I found passion for life in Tacoma

Well I don't make it home much, I sadly neglect you  
But that's how you like it away from the world  
God bless California, make way for the Wal-Mart  
I hope they don't find you Tacoma