

Rheostatics, Record Body Count

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Joey pulled himself to his feet,
Hauled his body back up the bank
And looked back down there.
He said the water was not that deep;
"But I almost drowned there."
You can drown in a bathtub so they say.
"Someone in class called me a loser,
So I decided to skip the day...

I tried to look casual sneaking round the back,
Past the shotput across the track
And to the gate beside the portables.
But a red tie and school gray slacks
Doesn't blend in with the grass
As the teacher was changing class.

He chased me halfway through the park,
Till I ran into the woods;
And I'm very good in the woods.

So I was an Indian,
Built a fire by the creek
And dried my eyes there."

There's a record body count this year.

Joey stepped up on a block of ice,
Put a rope around his neck,
And fell asleep before he died.