

Cross The River

Carly Simon

A hot cloud was hangin' around
We were a rowdy crowd
Drinkin' beer and smokin' at the end of the pier
Danny was shufflin' through a magazine
Clippin' out pictures of a car
To get us out of here

Laura was hounding him to get a bike
Warning him the time was now
Or he'd be out on his ear, she'd disappear

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We were all somewhat out of school
Jersey by birth, relaxing but not on a holiday
An appalling amount of time spent at the mall
Not a tragedy, but not exactly the Milky Way

Looking for a bigger laugh, a better store,
A cutter guy, a shorter working day, better pay

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When Laura and Danny broke up
She set her sights on Billy Stone
Well, I had just split from Jonathan
So by chance, I was all alone
Danny and I got along as well
We spent hours on the phone
Just talkin' on the phone

When I was twenty and crazy as a joke
I went to bed with a broker
When I was broke
I got used to doormen and limousines
And Christmas cards from friends signed by a machine
And woman, they were calling me "Ma'am"
As they cleaned up after me

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Dear Laura, I know it's been years
Since I crossed the bridge back to the Palisades
How are your kids?
Mine are both swell little fellas
Here are some clippings of me and Brad
At a charity ball and a White House sup
I've perfected my smile for the camera
Chin is up
I miss you all so much

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