



## **I'm sittin' down here in the campfire light With the ghost of Tom Joad**

Well, maybe it's like Casy says. A fella ain't got a soul of his own, just a little piece of a big soul - the one big soul that belongs to ever'body. Then...then, it don't matter.

**I'll be all around in the dark. I'll be ever'-where - wherever you can look. Wherever there's a fight so hungry people can eat, I'll be there. Wherever there's a cop beatin' up a guy, I'll be there. I'll be in the way guys yell when they're mad - I'll be in the way kids laugh when they're hungry an' they know supper's ready. An' when the people are eatin' the stuff they raise, and livin' in the houses they build - I'll be there, too.**

# GHOST OF TOM JOAD

Man walks along the railroad track  
He's Goin' some place, there's no turnin' back  
The Highway Patrol chopper comin' up over the ridge  
Man sleeps by a campfire under the bridge  
The shelter line stretchin' around the corner  
Welcome to the New World Order  
Families sleepin' in their cars out in the Southwest  
No job, no home, no peace, no rest, NO REST!

And The highway is alive tonight  
Nobody's foolin' nobody is to where it goes  
I'm sitting down here in the campfire light  
Searchin' for the Ghost of Tom Joad

He pulls his prayer book out of a sleepin' bag  
The preacher lights up a butt and takes a drag  
He's waitin' for the time when the last shall be first and the first shall be last  
In a cardboard box 'neath the underpass  
With a one way ticket to the promised land  
With a hole in your belly and a gun in your hand  
Lookin' for a pillow of solid rock  
Bathin' in the cities' aqueducts

And The highway is alive tonight  
Nobody's foolin' nobody is to where it goes  
I'm sittin' down here in the campfire light  
With the Ghost of old Tom Joad

Now Tom Said; "Ma, whenever ya see a cop beatin' a guy  
Wherever a hungry new born baby cries  
Whereever there's a fight against the blood and hatred in the air  
Look for me ma'  
I'll be there  
Wherever somebodies stuglin' for a place to stand  
For a decent job or a helpin' hand  
Wherever somebody is strugglin' to be free  
Look in their eyes ma,  
You'll see me! {repeat 8 times}

And the highway is alive tonight  
Nobody's foolin' nobody is to where it goes  
I'm sittin' down here in the campfire light  
With the Ghost of Tom Joad.

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# TOM JOAD Service Plan Project

The plan **MUST** be typed.

You must hand in the plan in order to receive credit for the project.

- Who do you intend to help? Be specific & make contact with necessary organizations. Be proactive. Don't wait until the last minute. (Provide contact information.)
- What do you plan to do in their service?
- When do you plan to carry this out? (6 hours minimum. Be specific)
- Where will you be doing this service?
- How are you going to go about completing the task? What evidence will you provide of Completion?
- Why have you chosen this service group to help?

FOR EXAMPLE:

I will be running a food drive and donating it to TWO RIVERS HEAD START.

I will ask for an item of canned food of each person that enters the local Jewel Food Store, and hope to collect when they exit. (You must contact Jewel.)

I will do this on Saturday, May 15 & Sunday, May 16 from 12-3PM. I will have a sign that states where the food will go and explains the *Tom Joad Service Project*.

Monday, December 3, after school, I will deliver the food to Two Rivers Head Start and get a receipt, and take photos of all of the food I've collected.

Two Rivers Head Start helped my family out when I was young and I would like to help them help out others who were in the same situation.