

## Trickle Down Line

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You've seen her tending bar outside of Reno  
Or working in a Detroit factory  
She's brought you coffee in a Jersey diner  
Cleaned your motel room in Chicopee

A sustain  
A D A A  
D A D D  
D A E E

She's been on her feet from Anchorage to Houston  
And a hundred sorry towns along the way  
She's working double shifts just to keep one step ahead  
To keep the repossession boys away

The bankers got their bonuses and bailouts  
The congressmen are sipping at the wine  
She's just doing what she can working for the man  
And waiting in the trickle down line

D D A A  
D A E E  
D D A D  
A E A A

Now she's gotten to a place they call the heartland  
Cashier in a little Stop 'n' Go  
Customers are crying about four dollar gas  
All she can say is "Yeah, I know."

They tell her it'll work out in the long run  
A rising tide lifts everybody's boat  
We're working out the details in committee right now  
And by the way, Can we have your vote?

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*The conservative solution to hard times is to give more money to rich people so they can spread the wealth to us peons in the form of jobs and investments. The theory behind this "crumbs from the big table" charade is known as supply-side or trickle-down economics. I wrote this song in 2011, three years after Wall Street bankers triggered a recession and were rewarded with seven-figure bonuses.*