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I Like It Here/ Oh Cold And Misery

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Here are two songs about a favorite topic of conversation in Minnesota. The first is a variation on the talking blues that I wrote in Ashland, Wisconsin during the winter of 1971, and the second I wrote in Minnesota about my 1970 Volkswagen about three years later.

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Talking Blues

I woke up this morning, it was 40 below
The snow was piled up past my door
That would not be too bad, but I live on the second floor
But I like it here

Had two pairs of long-johns under four pairs of pants
Three ski sweaters, and a hat to match
Two pairs of gloves and a fur-lined vest
Then I got out of bed, and I started to get dressed
But I like it here

It was snowing so hard when I walked downtown
You could shovel that stuff, upside down
Folks tell me it will be like this until winter comes around
But I like it here

It was early morn' like so many before
Oh cold and misery
I put on my coat and walked out of the door
Standing alone on the frozen ground

ADDITIONAL VERSES:

I went to the place where my beast lay asleep
Oh cold and misery
On four tires of rubber a long cord in its teeth
Standing alone on the frozen ground

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I opened the door and I jammed in the key
Oh cold and misery
Not a sound did I hear, nor exhaust did I see
Standing alone on the frozen ground

So I went to my neighbor and to her I spoke
Oh cold and misery
She soon came a ' riding on white clouds of smoke
Standing alone on the frozen ground

On it's terminals bare, long cables I placed
Oh cold and misery
And I gave it a charge with revenge of my face
Standing alone on the frozen ground

It coughed, and it rumbled then let out a roar
Oh cold and misery
Lashing it with gas pedal harsh commands I swore
Standing alone on the frozen ground

The smell of the ether ether did hand in the air
Oh cold and misery
And empty "Heet" cans lay about everywhere
Standing alone on the frozen ground

And when we were moving its anger was gone
Oh cold and misery
From its radio voice, came music and song
Standing alone on the frozen ground

But tonight when the dark comes to its moving parts
Oh cold and misery
It will again be the beast with the ice in its heart
Standing alone on the frozen ground