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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