

# Chillout Tent

## The Hold Steady

There was a stage and a PA  
Up in western Massachusetts  
And the kids came from miles around  
To get messed up on the music And she drove down from Baudoin  
With a carload of girlfriends  
To meet some boys and  
Maybe eat some mushrooms And they did and she got sick  
Now she's pinned and way too shaky  
She don't want to tell the doctor  
Everything she's taken The paramedics hovered over  
Like a somber mourning family  
They gave her activated charcoal  
They flooded her with saline I got really hot and then I came to in the chillout tent  
They gave me oranges and cigarettes He was rough around the edges  
He'd been to school but never finished  
He'd been to jail but never prison And it was his first day off in forever, man  
The festival seemed like a pretty good plan  
Cruise some chicks and get a suntan And his friend gave him four  
But he said only take one  
But then he got bored  
And he ended up taking all four So now my man  
He ain't that bored anyways  
The paramedics found him  
He was shaking on the side of the stage Everything was spinning and then I came to in the chillout tent  
They gave me oranges and cigarettes  
I got really hot and then I came to in the chillout tent  
They gave us oranges and cigarettes She looked just like a baby bird  
All new and wet and trying to light a parliament  
He quoted her some poetries  
He's Tennyson in denim and sheepskin  
He looked a lot like Izzy Stratlin They started kissing when the nurses took off their IVs  
It was kind of sexy but it was kind of creepy  
Their mouths were fizzy with the cherry cola  
They had the privacy of bedsheets  
And all the other kids were mostly in comas He was kind of cute, we kind of kicked it in the chillout tent  
And I never saw that boy again  
She was pretty cool and kind of kicked it in the chillout tent  
And I never saw that girl again He was kind of cute, we kind of kicked it in the chillout tent  
And I never saw that boy again

And she seemed pretty cool, we kind of kicked it in the chillout tent  
And I never saw that girl again

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