## **U.S. Steel**

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Homestead Pennsylvania, the home of the U.S. Steel And the men down at the Homestead Works Are sharing one last meal Sauerkraut and kielbasa, a dozen beers or more A hundred years of pouring slab, They're closing down the door And this mill won't run no more. There's silence in the valley, there's silence in the streets There's silence every night here upon these cold white sheets Were my wife stares out the window with a long and lonely stare She says "you kill yourself for 30 years but no one seems to care"You made their railroads rails and bridges, you ran their driving wheels And the towers of the Empire State are lined with Homestead Steel The Monongahela valley no longer hears the roar There is cottonwood and suemacway inside the slab mill door And this mill won't run no more.

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