

# Puttin' People on the Moon

## Drive-By Truckers

Mary Alice had a baby and he looked just like I did  
We got married on a Monday and I been working ever since  
Every week down at the Ford plant but now they say they're shutting down  
Goddamned Reagan in the White House and nobody gives a damn  
Double digit unemployment, TVA be  
shutting soon  
While over there in Huntsville, they puttin' people on the moon  
So I took to runnin' numbers for this man I used to know  
And I sell a few narcotics and I sell a little blow  
I ain't getting rich now but I'm gettin' more than by  
It's really tough to make a living but a man just got to try  
If I died in Colbert county, would it make the evening news?  
They too busy blowin' rockets, puttin' people on the moon  
Mary Alice she quit askin' why I do the things I do  
I ain't sayin' that she likes it, but what else I'm gonna do?  
If I could solve the world's problems, I'd start with hers and mine  
But they can put a man on the moon  
And I'm struck in hitches scraping by  
Mary Alice got cancer just like everybody here  
Seems like everyone I know is gettin' cancer every year  
And we can't afford no insurance, I've been 10 years unemployed  
So she didn't get no Chemo and our lives, it was destroyed  
And nothin' ever changes, the cemetery gets more full  
And now over there in Huntsville, even NASA's shut down too  
Another joker in the White House, said a change  
was comin' 'round  
But I'm workin' at the Walmart and Mary Alice in the ground  
And all them politicians, they all lyin' sacks of shit  
They say better days upon us but I'm sucking left hind tit  
And the preacher on the TV says it ain't too late for me  
But I bet he drives a Cadillac  
And I'm broke with hungry mouths to feed  
And I wish I was still an outlaw, was a better way of life  
I could clothe and feed my family, still have time to love my pretty wife  
If you say I'm being punished, ain't he got better things to do?  
Turnin' mountains into oceans, puttin' people on the moon  
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