

# Middle Man

## John Prine

I was sitting in a diner  
With a girl named flo  
She wouldn't say yes  
But she couldn't say no  
She said "darling, can I get a middle man? "  
She was engaged to a fellow  
On the lay a way plan  
But she carried all her money  
In a coffee can  
She said "darling, can I get a middle man? "  
The cook looked over  
With a short order face  
Dropped a fork  
And he saw flo's legs  
Straightened his apron  
And burnt my eggs  
I got competition  
Everywhere I go  
These days  
She was leaning on the juke box  
And was lookin' real good  
Like natalie wood  
On a pontiac hood  
I said "darling, I think I need a little hand"  
Ya see, I've seen my downs  
I've seen my ups  
I seen miniature dogs  
In coffee cups  
But "darling I ain't never seen a middle man"  
  
Flo talked slow  
Like real wet paint  
She said  
"a middle man's there  
When the other ones ain't  
He's got a left handed manner  
That leans to the right  
Sleeps all day  
And keeps it up all night ..."

... I got an aunt in ohio  
And a boat that won't row  
Some veterans insurance  
And nowhere to go  
"darling, can I be your middle man? "  
(spoken)  
If I could get the money in that coffee can  
I could open me up a lemonade stand  
Send all the kids off to pakistan  
Make flo happy  
If I can  
Jerry mahoney and johnny b. goode  
Are gonna buy me a house in hollywood  
"darling I think I got the perfect plan"  
"we're gonna save half a dollars  
And sell 'em to france  
Buy us a record  
And learn how to dance  
And darling I'll always be your middle  
Darling go buy a griddle  
Darling I wanna be your middle man

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