Northern Frontier

Tom Cochrane

On a muggy night in the north end in July

A kid named Joseph Beeper Spence

Took a shotgun blast to the back and died

There by the CP tracks, along the great divide you see

Fought two native gangs called the Deuce and the I.P.Dances with warriors, hatred between slaves

They kill each other off we all get saved

I can't help but think his mother's tears

Beeper Spence was thirteen in the northern frontierA van crossed the bridge that night

And stopped at Flora Avenue

When Beeper thought they'd lost their way

Walked over to see what he could do"Are you I.P.? Straight up", he'd say

Even if it wasn't true, bust a cap in his ass

He turned to run, heard the blast

Then he was through The kids in the van weren't much older than him

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