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(Steve Goodman)

Yesterday I went downtown and saw an old-time picture show
And the hero got a pie in the face;
He didn't like that, and he stormed around the screen.
Everybody else was laughin' in that place.

Cho: That's 'cause it ain't hard
To get along with somebody else's troubles,
And they don't make you lose any sleep at night.
Just as long as fate is there bustin' somebody else's bubbles,
Everything's gonna be all right.
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Tell me, Did you ever have to pay for something that you didn't do,
Did you ever figure out the reason why?
When the doctor says this is gonna hurt me a lot more than this hurts you
Did you ever figure out that, that's a lie?

And I saw the boss come a-walking down along that factory line,
He said, "We all have to tighten up our belts."
But he didn't look any thinner than he did a year ago,
And I wonder just how hungry that man felt.

Now, I asked that undertaker what it took to make him laugh
When all he ever saw is people crying,
First he hands me a bunch of flowers that he'd received on my behalf,
And said, "Steve, business just gets better all the time."

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