Wayne and Maggie's Grill Russell Lawson - 11/3/2020

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KEY of A, intro vamp two measure in A
where I'm from there ain't no snow
and the river goes by slow
but the truckers mostly keep the hammer down
every folk and country singer
who played for tips and drinks and dinner
came to Wayne and Maggie's Grill when they hit town
that damn six lane interstate
cuts through town and up the hills
and when they put it in
it took out Wayne and Maggie's Grill
just a whisper of a place
where Maggie's food was hot and right,
eight tables and Wayne's bar
and live music every night
we used to call Wayne "warden"
'cause once he held a job
down at the local sheriff's
when they was rounding up the mob
and in the Grill's back corner
where the paint was dark with age
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he put up a foot hazard A he liked to call a stage

Maggie was a looker

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back when Wayne had made his move
and with age she just got better
and she and Wayne fell more in love
they put everything they had
into that Grill over the years
and when it got tore down
the whole town shed the tears

Wayne passed away this morning

when the cancer put him down
and Maggie's getting on now
and their kids live out of town
but the memory of her cooking
and the music and goodwill
fills my soul with warmth and longing
for the old days at the Grill

