

A black and white photograph of a car in a yard with power lines in the background. The car is a dark sedan, possibly a Volkswagen Jetta, parked on a paved surface. In the background, there are several utility poles with many power lines stretching across the sky. A chain-link fence is visible behind the car. The overall scene is somewhat desolate and industrial.

One Last Car in the Yard

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In Memory of
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One Last Car in the yard.

*Rules and policies, books and procedures,
They are made for a reason, please be a believer.*

*We fear the worst, and pray for the best,
I want you to go home tonight, like all the rest.*

The work is hard and very dangerous,

We must be alert or it will injure us.

*Our families are proud of the work we do,
We make it look easy, but don't let them fool you.*

*Take life for granted, if you will
God didn't make you a lineman,*

You were trained with a skill

Yes we know, it's not for everyone

But those who are, can get it done

Be your brother's keeper, we heard it before

Because we have no idea what is in store

Zero Damage, Zero injuries

They tally up the sheet

I want you to go home and put your kids to sleep

A Safety BBQ, a Safety watch, or a Safety pin

If we don't follow the rules, no one will win

I love you like my brother, I love you as a friend

I want you to live your life full, right to the end

There was one last car in the yard last night.