

“Mabel” - Michelle Calder

She's not a fancy girl
Her outside is marred, and worn
But she wraps me in her comfort
And her light, it keeps me warm

She overheats when it's 25 degrees, and
She stalls when I turn the key, (about 10% of the time)
And her left blinker sticks, (until I remember to turn it off)
But my adventures, she abides

[Chorus:]

My mother's mother's name was Mabel
And she never learned to drive
And she played guitar, but never for other's ears
So I named my tour van Mabel,
To give Mabel, the adventures she missed while here

[Verse 2:]

Last summer, my breaks gave out
And I nearly crashed and died
But in 09 I stood anguished hands in pockets
At Mabel's feet, where she laid
And took her last sip of life

And now her soul is with me always
I talk to her all the time
And I know she saved me, the day the breaks gave out
Guardian angel of her namesake, and me, no doubt

[Chorus]

[Bridge:]

Oh my mother, calls my camper “mom”

Keeps Mabel's memory alive, like this song
And I will sing of her, for the rest of my days
Travelling around, showing her my ways
'Til from the foot of my bed,
She sings me back, home

[Chorus]

I'm giving Mabel, the adventures she missed while here
She's on adventures, she missed, while here