

Down In The Valley Woe

Jackie Greene

So long, sentimental lady
Is there something that you're trying to say to me?
Cinderella complicated
It ain't how you thought that it would be
If I die before I wake
It must have been a bad mistake
Depending on the pills you take
Can complicate and devastate
Now estimate, your time on earth
Do you recall your place of birth?
And can you tell what it's all worth
And are you really satisfied?
Paint me a picture of a baby
I want to see how lonesome I can be
I don't want no one to save me
I'm not going to leave here silently
What I have and what I've lost and
Every coin I've fountain tossed
Like every line I thought I crossed
Just cut me when the winter frost
I paid the cost; your rebel dreams
Suitcases and magazines
And I know I ain't alone
If I make it to the city
Won't you do your best and honey pray for me?
They say that all the girls are pretty
They say that they don't dance for free
But forks and knives and rusted spoons
Bottomless in basement rooms
Your worn-out brides and reckless grooms
Are building tombs with pink balloons
Darkness looms an airless night
Just a matchbook and some dynamite
And it won't matter who's wrong or right
'Cause they're too tired to care
I can't help it but to ramble
I don't ever stay too long
Daddy warned you not to gamble
He said, "Just pass your chips along"
Nursery rhymes and valentines
'Blessed be the tie that binds'
A thousand mouths can speak one mind
While love is still left undefined
And undermined, misunderstood
She hides beneath her happy hood
Saying, "What is God?" and "What is Good"
And, "Why am I still here?"