There are shadows on the sidewalks Of the city streets at night,
And the alleyways and ugly things
Are hidden from the light.
And somewhere, son, my baby's
Gonna sell her soul again,
For a custom tailored lady-killer
They call Sugar Man.

I searched the backstreet barrooms,
And every cheap hotel,
Asking for my baby; they all knew her well.
Well, they said, "She's out there working
For the wages of her sin,
And if you want to find your baby, Baby,
Look for Sugar Man."

Well, tonight I found her
On the sorry side of town
Lying cold upon the bed
Where she had laid her body down.
I picked up the needle that had fallen from her hand
And stuck it through the money she had made for Sugar Man.

There are shadows on the sidewalks Of the city streets at night And the alleyways and ugly things Are hidden from the light. But the sun's gonna shine tomorrow On some dirty gargage cans, And a custom tailored lady-killer They called Sugar Man.