Grace Cathedral Hill

The Decemberists

Grace Cathedral hill All wrapped in bones of setting sun All dust and stone and moribund I paid twenty-five cents to light A little white candle For a New Year's Day I sat and watched it burn away Then turned and weaved Through slow decay We were both a little hungry So we went to get hot dog

Down to Hyde Street Pier The light was slight and disappeared The air it stunk of fish and beer We heard a Superman trumpet Play the national anthem

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Some way to greet the year: Your eyes all bright and Brim with tears The pilgrims, pills, and tourists here Will sink fifty-three bucks to buy A brand new halo

Sweet on a green-eyed girl All fiery Irish clip and curl All brine and piss and vinegar I paid twenty-five cents to light A little white candle

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