Still Waters

Jim White

Well, I was shacked up down in Mobile
With a girl from New York City
She woke me up one night to tell me
That we weren't aloneShe said, she saw the ghost

Of a woman staring at me

I told her not to worry

But in the morning when I woke up, she was goneSo I headed on to Florida where I tangled with some sailors

And as I lay bloody on the wharf

I cursed the ship they sailed onWouldn't you know, twenty four hours later

That ship sank into the ocean

Disappearing like an unwanted memory

Beneath the wavesI guess it's 'cause still waters run

Run deep in me

'Cause I got this crazy way, crazy way

I'm swimming in still watersAnd I was woke up just before dawn

By an old man crying in the rain

He was drunk and he was lonely

And as he passed by he sang a hymnAnd as I lay there listening

Well, I almost joined him in that song

But instead I just held my peace

And waited 'till that old man moved alongThen later on that day

About a quarter mile out of town

I found his body hanging in

A grove of pines, swaying in the windAnd as he swang that rope sang

Another hymn to Jesus

And this time, though I don't know why

I somehow felt inclined to sing alongI guess it's cause still waters run Run deep in me

'Cause I got this crazy way, crazy way

I'm swimming in still watersYes, and there are projects for the dead

And there are projects for the living

Thought I must confess sometimes

I get confused by that distinctionAnd I just throw myself into the arms

Of that which would betray me

I guess to see how far providence

Will stoop down just to save meAnd it's all because, still waters run

Run deep in me

'Cause I've got this crazy way, crazy way

I'm swimming in still waters

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