Cleopatra in Brooklyn

Frank Turner

Wake up in the morning you feel out of place
You're a disgrace
Once more with resignation
But there's bills to be paid
So you stumble to the station

You're wearing your most imperceptible frown
These people are adjectives to your proper noun
As you wash through the streets of this phony old town
It's wearing you down

And yet there you are
Standing out in your favourite blue dress
Hair is a mess
Nevertheless
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You casually shed poetry like your clothes
In neat little rows
On the floor of my hotel room
You'd always dreamed that you'd be a princess
But you'd accept less
Holding court holed-up in your bedroom

And I'd say I was Antony begging at your door
But I know that you'd laugh and just ask me what for
And then just roll your eyes as I fell the floor
And swear that I'm yours

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You wait by the Brooklyn bridge for your king to return Yeah, you wait by the Brooklyn bridge for your king to return Then retire to your palace on Smith Street as the old rope burns

Yet there you are

Standing out in your favourite blue dress
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Yes there you are
A glittering star
Couldn't care less
Who do you impress
You're my thrift store princess
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I'll come find you when the fates dessert you
I'll still hold you when the Gods dessert you

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