Scarlet Begonias

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As I was walkin' down Rubadub Square
Not a chill to the wind but a nip to the air
From another direction she was caught in my eye
It could be an illusion but I might as well try, might as well try
She had rings on her fingers and bells on her shoes
And I knew without asking she was into the blues
She wore scarlet begonias tucked into her curls
I knew right away she was not like other girls, like other girls
Well I ain't never been right as I ain't never been wrong
As heaven works out the way it does in this song
(Hey)
Because once in a while you get shown in the light
In the strangest of places if you look at it right
It was the summer of love and I thank the stars above
Because the woman took a lovin' over me
And just to gain her trust I bought a microbes
Because I sold off all my personal property
A tight tye-dye dress she was a psychedelic mess
We toured to the north, south, east, and west
We sold some mushroom tea, we sold some ecstasy
We sold nitrous, opium acid, heroin, and PCP
And now I hear the police comin' after me
Yes now I hear the police comin' after me
The one scarlet with the flowers in her hair
She's got the police comin' after me
But there ain't nothin' wrong with the way she moves
All scarlet begonias and a touch of the blues
And there ain't nothin' wrong with the love that's in her eye
I had to learn the hard way just to let her pass by, let it pass by
Oh just let her pass by

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