

# 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 tie-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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