Resurrection Mary

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In 1935, I was living in paradise, I had a friend up in Cicero
We used to go out to the track, we'd knock a few whiskeys back
I'd lose my shirt and then I would lose my way homeI was driving my Stutz Black Hawk through Justice in the
dark

When suddenly the blood froze in my veins

She was standing by the road in an incandescent glow

My heart stood still, my foot slammed on the brakesShe said, "Please, please would you dignify my wish?

I'm trying to get to Heaven, could you tell me where that is?"

On a wild Chicago night, with a wind howling white

I caught my first sign of Resurrection MaryI was trembling like a leaf, I was scared beyond belief

After all my conscience ain't that clear

I used to work for Mickey Finn, I did the numbers for Big Jim

Perhaps my day of reckoning lies hereI said, "Please, please, I would dignify your wish

But when it comes to Heaven, I'm just a little bit amateurish

On a wild Chicago night, with a wind howling white

I cheated time with Resurrection MaryAnd I felt tears form in my eyes for the first time, I felt something

Deep inside and the first time I saw angels high in the air

For the first time in my life, and I said, "Mary, go to the light

It's gonna be alright" I got down on my knees, I said, "Sweet Mary, please dignify

These wishes before you run", will you tell him I've reformed?

Will you tell him I'm reborn? She closed her eyes

And then she spoke in tongues I said, "Please, please, tell me what he said", she said

"You must die the day before the devil knows you're dead"

On a wild Chicago night with a wind howling white

I waved goodbye on a wild Chicago night

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