## TropicÃ; lia

## **Beck**

Oh, when they beat upon a broken guitar And all the streets, they reek of tropical charms The embassies lie in hideous shards Where tourists snore and decayWhen they dance in a reptile blaze You wear a mask, an equatorial haze Into the past, a colonial maze Where there's no more confetti to throwYou wouldn't know what to say to yourself Love is a poverty you couldn't sell Misery waits in vague hotels To be evictedYou're out of luck, you're singing funeral songs To the studs, they're anabolic and bronze They seem to strut in their millennial fogs 'Til they fall down and deflateYou wouldn't know what to say to yourself Love is a poverty you couldn't sell Misery waits in vague hotels To be evictedOh, and now, you've had your fun Under an air-conditioned sun It's burned into your eyes Leaves you plain and left behind I'll see them rise and fall Into the jaws of a pestilent loveYou wouldn't know what to say to yourself Love is a poverty you couldn't sell Misery waits in vague hotels

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