Criminal

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I've been a bad bad girl

I've been careless with a delicate man

And it's a sad sad world

When a girl will break a boy

Just because she can

Don't you tell me to deny it

I've done wrong and I want to

Suffer for my sins

I've come to you 'cause I need

Guidance to be true

And I just don't know where I can beginWhat I need is a good defense

'Cause I'm feelin' like a criminal

And I need to be redeemed

To the one I've sinned against

Because he's all I ever knew of loveHeaven help me for the way I am

Save me from these evil deeds

Before I get them done

I know tomorrow brings the consequence

At hand

But I keep livin' this day like

The next will never comeOh help me but don't tell me

To deny it

I've got to cleanse myself

Of all these lies till I'm good

Enough for him

I've got a lot to lose and I'm

Bettin' high

So I'm beggin' you before it ends

Just tell me where to beginWhat I need is a good defense

'Cause I'm feelin' like a criminal

And I need to be redeemed

To the one I've sinned against

Because he's all I ever knew of loveLet me know the way

Before there's hell to pay

Give me room to lay the law and let me go

I've got to make a play

To make my lover stay

So what would an angel say

The devil wants to knowWhat I need is a good defense

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