

# Pools of Mercury

Jim Carroll

Sirens begin, the red light spins  
Hungry go the thieves Betty's in the sandbox trying to detox  
She always wears long sleeves Desdemona in a red kimona can't get off the bench  
Her bolts are fused, her limbs can't move  
Someone better find a wrench Got no past, they can't last  
Future's like a curse  
What's best for them is always bought  
At the price of something worse Wren's heart of ashes, the glue-on lashes  
Her baby's in a brillo box  
She's on one knee with key after key  
Trying to find the right lock  
By the pulp of her fears  
And the shape of her tears  
You can tell tomorrow's weather  
She bends her skin in the shape of her sins  
To keep herself together Got no past, they can't last  
The future's like a hearse  
What's best for them is always bought  
At the price of something worse Got no past, I can't last  
The future's like a curse  
I'm swimming in pools of mercury  
Making sense of the end of the century They want to -- outside  
They want to -- outside  
They want to scream outside  
They want to search outside  
They want to lose outside  
They want to beg outside  
They want to have sex outside  
They want to -- outside  
They want to pray outside  
They want to buy outside  
They want to dream outside  
They want to pine outside  
They want to -- outside  
They want to sleep  
They only want to be alone outside Carl's been burned  
Better return him back to central casting  
Jen grows weaker her soul sneakers  
Are useless without laces

So she rides the snake till she grows wings  
And flies to better placesGot no past, they can't last  
The future's like a hearse  
What's best for them is always bought  
At the price of something worseGot no past, I can't last  
The future's like a curse  
I'm swimming in pools of mercury  
Making sense of the end of the centuryIt's dawn, their faces worn  
Rain like a female feathers  
I'm swimming in pools of mercury  
Making sense of the end of the centuryGot no past, they can't last  
The future's like a hearse  
What's best for them is always bought  
At the price of something worse

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