Stevie Nix

The Hold Steady

Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

You came into the party with a long black shawl

And the guys from the front lawn were making jokes about the white swan

Some nights we just need to get touched and rub up against something plush

Some nights it's just a crush and some nights it's blood lustShe said we might use you later on

Meet me right back here around dawnYou came into the ER drinking gin from a jam jar

And the nurse is making jokes about the ER being like an after bar

You know you're weak and effete and I'm coming up from the streets

You're up in your loft getting soft and I'm coming up the stairs and I'm coming from the streetsShe said I love the guys you can't trust

Meet me here about duskI was half dead then I got born again
I got lost in all the lights but it was okay in the end
And when we hit the twin cities, I didn't know that much about it
I knew Mary Tyler Moore and I knew Profane ExistenceI was keyed up, keys jangled in the stalls
They counted money in the motels, they mostly sold it in the malls
And the carpet at the Thunderbird

Has a burn for every cowboy that got fenced inShe said you remind me of Rod Stewart when he was young You've got passion and you think that you're sexy and all the punks think that you're dumb

The guys around the lockers got a story about the stomach pump

And the guys behind the theater found a body in the garbage dumpShe got screwed up by religion

She got screwed by soccer players

She got high for the first time at the camps down by the banks of the Mississippi River Lord, to be seventeen foreverShe got confused about the truth

She came to in a confession

She got high for the last time in the camps down by the banks of the river Lord, to be thirty-three foreverAnd she got screwed up by her vision

It was scary when she saw him

She didn't tell a single person about the camps on the banks of the Mississippi River

Lord, to be seventeen foreverShe got strung out on the scene

And she got scared when it got druggy

The way the whispers bit like fangs in the last hour of the party

Lord, to be thirty-three forever

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