## This Girl Is Taking Bets

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This girl is a stencil of a brushstroke in the rain

She's a ghost of the city, she's a body through the windscreen

This girl is the snowfall where the spring should have been

She's the stains on the pages of a top shelf magazine

This girl is a black eye, she's a bruise on your knee

She's the ashes of the people that you really meant to be

This girl's the resurrection, she's the comeback

She's the absinthe in whiskey she is poetry and ProzacThis girl is taking bets, this girl's a silhouette, can't you see? This girl is the flutter of fake lashes in the mirror

She's a ragged edged fedora or a Spanish souvenir

This girl is the clean cut, she's the frozen ground

She's a knife drawn down the side street when there's no-one else aroundThis girl's a forged ticket to a Lloyd Webber show

She's the far end of the graveyard up where the nettles grow

This girl is the rainbow in the dewy eyed stares

She's the name tag on the toe of your long dead love affairs This girl is taking bets, this girl's a silhouette, can't you see?

This girl is taking bets, this girl's a silhouette, can't you see? This girl is the wild smile, the icy stare

She's the crackle of the static, she's the curses, she's the prayers

This girl is the junkie in the children's matinee

She's the 4 minute warning, she is hell to payThis girl is the plunge pool she is cocaine and Kodak
Now she's out setting sail on the ocean of the soundtrack
This girl is the shaking hand, the rattling cup

With a button and a note saying things are looking up

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