

# \$29.00

## Tom Waits

Little black girl, red dress  
Hot night with a broken shoe  
Little black girl, you shoulda never left home  
There's probably someone still waitin' up for you  
It's cold back in Chicago  
Los Angeles, it's worse when all you got is  
\$29.00 and an alligator purse  
I see that vulture in the Fleetwood  
Chartreuse hood trying to get your bearings  
Say "Hey baby, which way's the main stem?"  
Where ever you say you're from  
He'll say he grew up there himself  
He gonna come on and make you feel  
Like you grew up right next door to him  
Take left on Central  
Gon' throws it in reverse  
All you got is \$29.00 and an alligator purse  
Come on like a gentleman  
Oh babe, you gonna be a little shy  
Say your ex old man was a sax player  
He says, "Baby, I used to play bass for Sly"  
Say you like his Cadillac  
Says, "Honey, I got 2 or 3?"  
Sweetheart, you're sure fortunate  
That you ran into me  
You've done a dime in the joint  
You figure nothin' could be worse  
\$29.00 and an alligator purse  
Pharaoh on the 8 track  
You start smokin' little boo  
Thinkin' gettin' out of Chicago is just about  
The best thing that's ever happened to you  
He's starting like a [Incomprehensible]  
This cat seems to be cool  
He says, "Baby, I know a good ol' deal  
Out in West Hollywood, he's just right for you"  
He ain't no good Samaritan  
He gon' make sure he's reimbursed  
Lot more than \$29.00 and an alligator purse  
Now when the streets get hungry, baby  
You almost hear them growl  
Someone's setting a place for you  
When the dogs begin to howl  
Well, the streets are dead  
They creep up and down when it was left on the pole  
Remember suckers always make mistakes  
When they're far away from home  
Chicken in a pot  
Whoever gets there first  
Gonna get himself \$29.00  
And an alligator purse  
Now the sirens just an epilogue  
The cops here always get there too late

Always stop for coffee  
On the way to the scene of the crime They always try so hard  
Just like movie stars  
But they couldn't catch a cold  
Baby, don't waste your dime Lucky to be alive  
The doctor whispered to the nurse  
?She only lost a half pint of blood  
\$29.00 and an alligator purse?

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